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Community CALENDAR

Delta Haunted House

Delta Fire Station, 103 N. 2nd St, Delta on Oct. 17, 18, 24, 25, and 31 from 8 p.m. to midnight

Courthouse Closed

The Keokuk County Courthouse will be closing at 3:00 p.m. on October 17th for the generator upgrade. Normal hours will resume on Oct. 20

Richland Trunk or Treat & Mystery Bingo

Richland Square, 5-8 p.m., Oct. 18. Mystery Bingo, 6-8:30 at the Richland Fire Station. Free Will Donation to the Richland Community Club. Games, Food, Fun.

Hayesville Annual Community Bonfire

Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025, 5:00 p.m. at Hayesville City Park

Sigourney Fire and Rescue Breakfast

Sunday, Oct. 19, 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Sigourney Fire Station, 219 South Main St. Carry-out available. Free will donation

What Cheer Pottery Open House

Keokuk County Historical Society, 402 East Elm Street, Sigourney on Sunday, October 19, 1-4 p.m., program starts at 2:00

What Cheer Trunk or Treat

Free Grace United, 107 E Broadway Street, What Cheer on Sunday, Oct. 26, 12:30 p.m.

Keota Fire Department Breakfast

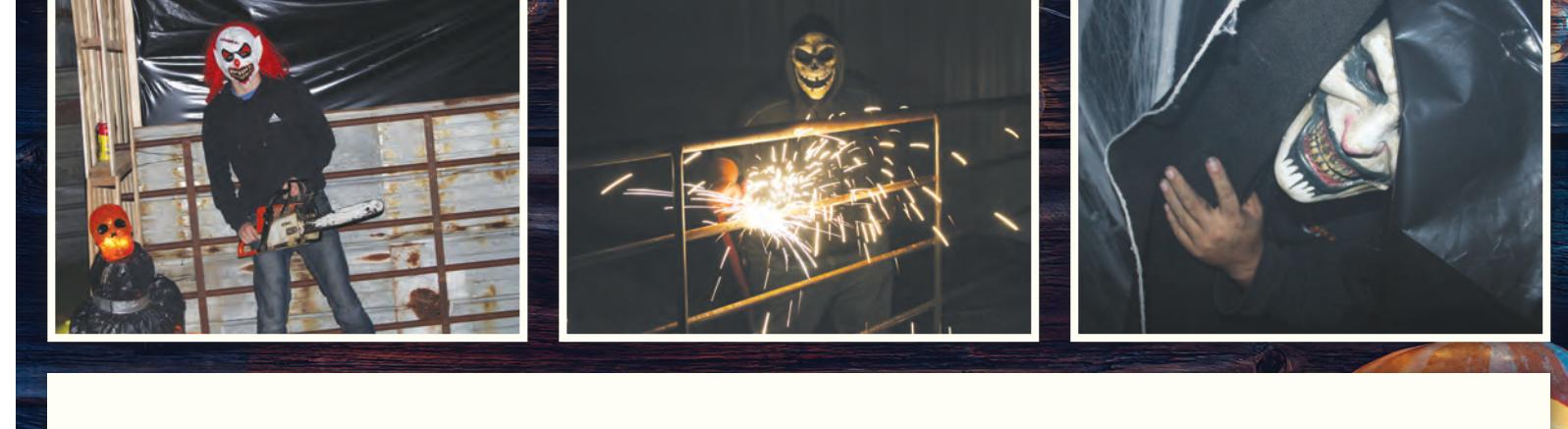
Sunday, Oct. 26, 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Dine-In and Carryout. Free will donation. Featuring silent auction and raffle

James Myers Benefit Cornhole Tournament

Saturday, Oct. 26, 11:00 a.m. at Carl Craft Civic Center, Hedrick

Blood Drive

Holy Trinity Catholic Church Parish Center Classroom at 109 N. Lincoln St, Keota on Thursday, Oct.



Firefighters Very Frightening

By Casey Jarmes |

The News-Review

DELTA — The haunted house put on by the Delta Volunteer Fire Depart-

ment has opened for its fourth year. Visitors are led through the training building next to the fire station, which has been transformed into a series

of dark, neon-lit halls, filled with creepy clowns and men wielding chainsaws. The haunted house is staffed mostly by local high school volunteers.

The haunted house will be open from 8:00 til midnight every Friday and Saturday this month, with the last night being on Halloween. Tickets for the

haunted house cost \$15. Proceeds from the event go towards equipment and maintenance for the fire department.

Nathan Sage Calls Iowans to Fight Against Billionaires At Sigourney Meet-And-Greet

By Casey Jarmes |

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SIGOURNEY — Iraq veteran and Democrat Senate candidate Nathan Sage had a meet-and-greet at the Sigourney Cafe on Oct. 10, as part of his "99 Counties in 99 Days for the 99%" tour. Sage



stated that he was an independent for a long time, but was now a Democrat because he wanted to help people and felt like the Republican party kept ripping things away. Sage described himself as a "regular guy" who grew up in a trailer park in Mason City. His father was a factory worker and his mother was a daycare teacher. Sage stated that he grew up on food stamps and Hawkeye insurance and called himself a "postponer boy" for why we to strengthen unions and pay a livable wage. Sage stated that he "never in a million years" thought he would go to college.

He explained that he watched the Sept. 11 terror attacks when he was a junior in high school and joined the Marine Corps when he was 17. He served from 2003-2007, being sent to Iraq twice, in 2004 and 2006. Sage stated that his first tour left him with PTSD from a rocket landing behind him and that he received therapy through the VA. He stated that he knew how good the VA can treat people, because of how it helped him, and that we needed to put more money into the VA, instead of watching 30,000 VA jobs be "stripped away."

"I was really mad about that with Joni (Ernst), because she's a veteran too," said Sage. "And, if you're okay with stripping away jobs from the VA, you're okay with leaving a man behind, and that's one thing that we were always taught. You never leave a man behind."

Sage stated that it was hard to leave the military and that

things were different when he got out, due to leaving his friends and the military's structure, mission, and camaraderie. He stated that he attempted to reenlist, but that the Marine Corps was not accepting prior enlistments at the time, so he joined the army instead. Sage served in the army from 2008-2013 and was sent to Iraq for the third time in 2010. He called this deployment the hardest, because it forced him to go months without being able to talk to his two year old daughter.

Sage stated that he wasn't different from anybody else and joined the military to give himself a better opportunity. He explained that, after leaving the army, he used his GI bill to get a degree in journalism and mass communications, then got a job working in radio advertising, where he saw the struggle business owners were having to keep the lights on. He stated this was part of the same struggle he faced as a kid.

"You look back at my life, and you look at my dad just trying to put food on the table, and you realize, and this is when I start getting very angry, you realize very

quickly that the rich are getting richer, the poor are getting poorer, and most of us are literally fighting over the scraps," Sage said. "They have us divided and fighting over the scraps. When 60% of our population is living paycheck to paycheck, and 60% of our population doesn't even meet the minimum quality standard of a country as rich as ours, something is entirely wrong. And the way I look at it is Washington D.C. is made up of 98% generational wealth, and only 2% come from the working class. The reason the laws and things are not working our way, are going our way, is because the people that are there are there to make profits over people. They're backed by corporations. They're backed by billionaires. They're backed by people that don't give a crap about anybody in this diner. And I think that's inherently wrong. We have to do something about it. So I, standing up and fighting for our country three times in Iraq, sitting on the yellow footprints at MCRD San Diego, taking an oath and saying 'I swear to defend and support the Constitution against enemies, foreign and domestic, and I

meant it. I'm here to fight. I'm the candidate in this that was willing to lay down my life for this country. I think that's what we need more than anything in this world. We need people willing to fight for Iowans. Fight for us, instead of the corporations and the billionaires and the money."

Sage stated that we need to overturn Citizens United, ban congressional stock trading, and get billionaire-fed special interest groups out of Washington. Sage stated that his friends struggle to pay their rents and put food on the table. He noted that he was working class and that his wife worked at True Value. Sage brought up Iowa's high cancer rates, and stated that both his parents died of cancer. He brought up his opponent, Ashley Hinson, claiming that, when she started her campaign, she talked about how loyal she is to Donald Trump, but never mentioned Iowans. He stated that Republican politicians were fighting for tax cuts for billionaires so they would keep getting paid by those billionaires and didn't care about Medicaid being ripped away or rural hospitals closing.

Sage criticized Democrats, stating that they didn't have backbones and were sending strongly worded memos when they should be fighting back against Republicans.

"I've been fighting my whole life to survive. I fought in Iraq to give myself a better opportunity, and now it's time to fight for people that are just trying to make it in this world," Sage said.

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Keota Council Receives No Bids For Old Garage

By Casey Jarmes |
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KEOTA – During the Oct. 6 meeting of the Keota City Council, City Clerk Hunter Bruns stated that there had been no bids for the barn-style garage at 108 East Keokuk Ave, which the council had put out for bid during the previous meeting, after accepting a bid to tear down the house at that property.

Mayor Tony Cansler asked if the council wanted to keep the garage open for bids or demolish alongside the house. Councilman Keith Conrad stated that there was a person interested in the garage, but that they were likely scared off by the cost of moving the garage, which is tall and would require contacting Alliant Energy to temporarily move hanging wires. Conrad stated that it would have been nice if someone wanted it, and that it was nicer than the house it sat next to, but that they hadn't even received a \$1 bid. He stated that he was open to leaving the bid window open until the next meeting, because he didn't think the demolition would happen for a few weeks. Public Works Director Micah Harmsen stated that they had to wait for Alliant to disconnect the house's power before demolishing it, something that could take a few weeks or over a month. Conrad stated that, if they did keep it open for bids, that would only give a very short time frame for the buyer to move the garage.

Councilman Mike Bender stated he was concerned that, if they pushed back the demolition, they would have to get a different bid to remove the concrete beneath the garage, which would likely cost more. He suggested demoing the garage. Councilwoman Patty Tinnies agreed with this. Councilman Heath McDonald stated that it was a nice little building, but too small to even park a pickup in. He stated he hated to see it torn down and was okay with leaving the bid window open until the next meeting. Ultimately, the

council approved contacting the person who had spoke to Conrad about wanting to purchase the garage and demolishing the garage if they are no longer interested.

Harmsen stated that the tree planting, paid for by a Trees Forever grant, had gone well and gave thanks to the Keota FFA, Kelly Waters from Trees Forever, James Greenhouse and other volunteers for their help. He stated that they had begun measuring tree overhangs and would send out letters to people with trees hanging too low over roads. He stated that the new RV park was well received and had already been used by multiple people. McDonald asked if Harmsen still planned to move the old pavilion shelter at the small park to the RV Park. Harmsen stated that he was unsure, that it would be difficult to move, and that it needed to a new roof, but that there wasn't any money in the park budget right now. Conrad suggested getting a grant for the shelter. McDonald suggested putting a cheap aluminum shelter at the RV park. Harmsen also stated he wanted to update the pavilion at Lewis Memorial Park to match the pool. The council approved an Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Plan, which Harmsen stated would allow them to get more grants in the future.

During the new council comments section, Conrad responded to accusations he'd heard that the council doesn't have regular meetings and isn't transparent enough. He stated that the city council has had the same meeting time, the first and third Wednesday of the month, for 152 years. He stated that they do go into closed session when discussing buying or selling real estate, because discussing it publicly leads to higher costs. Conrad also brought up a Wells Fargo grant for small businesses that Iowa State Urban Development told him

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1st grade students overjoyed by Packwood firefighters using a fire hose



Richland firefighters teaching children why you shouldn't pour water on a grease fire

Pekin Students Learn About Fire Safety

By Casey Jarmes |
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PACKWOOD – As part of Fire Safety Week, the Richland and Packwood Fire De-

partments gave demonstrations to Pekin students on Oct. 8. Students were given a tour of a fire truck's equipment, taught how to use fire

extinguishers and how to deal with kitchen fires, and taught about ATV safety and the importance of wearing a helmet. Students were also given an opportunity to crawl through a Division of State Fire Marshals Fire Service Training Bureau training maze full of fake smoke.



KC Elite Gets New Location, New Name

By Casey Jarmes |
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SIGOURNEY – KC Elite, the all-star cheerleading gym in Sigourney, has moved location and changed its name to Southeast Iowa Elite. The gym, formerly located in Memorial Hall, is now located at 109 S Jefferson St., on the east side of the Sigourney square. Owner Trisha Black explained that, when they first opened,

KC Elite mostly catered to local children. Since then, the business has expanded to have 140 children from all across Southeast Iowa, leading to the name change. An open house for Southeast Iowa Elite was held on Oct. 11. Southeast Iowa Elite also teaches trampoline and tumbling gymnastics, recreational tumbling, recreational dance, and competitive dance.

Sigourney Principals Discuss School Performance Profiles

By Casey Jarmes |
The News-Review

SIGOURNEY – During the Oct. 8 meeting of the Sigourney School Board, Superintendent Kevin Hatfield stated that both schools had received "Commendable" status, according to the yearly school performance profiles. He noted the district's better than state average scores in attendance growth, chronic absenteeism, science proficiency, and math pro-

ficiency. High School Principal Shannon Webb noted that her school scored 70.90, compared to the state average of 63.28. She stated that the threshold for "High Performing Status," which Sigourney Jr-Sr High received last year, was 72, which they missed by a single percent. Webb stated that the secondary school would be targeted for special

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- Name
- Branch of Service

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+ Tract 2: 113 Acres m/l containing 75.76 FSA Cropland acres m/l carrying a CSR2 of 50.2

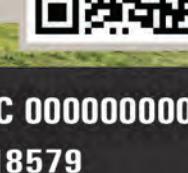
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Keota Board Discusses Bond Options

By Casey Jarmes |
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KEOTA – During the Oct. 9 meeting of the Keota School Board, Superintendent Dave Harper showed the board a set of estimates from Piper Sandler showing how much the district could generate from different potential bond referendums. A hypothetical bond referendum for infrastructure updates would be voted on in the 2026 election and would require meeting a 60% approval threshold to pass. According to the Piper Sandler chart, General Obligation Bond levy of \$1 per \$1,000 of taxable property would bring in \$3,220,000 in project funds. The document Harper gave the board also stated that a fifteen year Sales Tax Revenue Bond extension would generate \$3,575,000 in project funds.

McGuire asked when the last bond issue passed. Board Secretary Gina Bennett stated that it passed in 1999, with 76% approval on the first try. Elementary Principal Seth Milledge stated that some districts do bond referendums every five years. He stated that he looks at this as an "arms race" and that they need to invest in education for their kids. Harper stated that the infrastructure plans aren't flashy. He stated that they have maintained the school well and that a bond would all them to continue using the school.

Also at the Thursday meeting, Harper stated that they had interviewed four candidates for the on-site coordinator position at the daycare. The candidate the district and KCCN selected, Mary Long, accepted the position and is planned to start work on Nov. 3. Harper stated that they were aiming for a Jan. 1 opening date for the daycare.

Harper brought up the old, poorly working lights at the softball field, and stated that the board had four options on what to do with them: do nothing; pay \$205,000 in equipment and labor to replace the lights; pay \$135,000 for the equipment, but allow Red Lion to handle the installation, in return for a \$8.75 per month lease agreement; or allow Red Lion to handle the full cost, which would lead to a \$2,667 per month bill. Harper stated that the lights are in bad shape and asked the board if they wanted to leave them for another season, or select one of the options to re-

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Community CALENDAR

30, 2:00 - 6:30 p.m.

KCCN Haunted Kewash Trail Fundraiser

Thursday, Oct. 30, after Keota Trick or Treat. Refreshments & Glow Bracelets, Spooky Trail Walk, Story Time & Fun Activities

Hedrick Trunk or Treat

Oct. 31st 4:00p.m - 5:30p.m

Christian Church Free Will Donation Soup Supper

Nov. 5th 5:00 p.m - ? (Chili, Ham & Beans, Chicken Noodle).

Sigourney American Legion Post #19

Meets 7:00 p.m., Third Tuesday of every month at Memorial Hall

Keswick American Legion Post #319

Meets Monthly @ 5:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Keswick American Legion Post. To schedule an appointment, email Cindy Weber at cawebber@windstream.net or call 641-636-2116

Men's Caregiver Support Group

Bridget's Public House at 208 1st Ave E. Oskaloosa, IA 52577 on 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 10:00am - 12 Noon.

Richland Public Library

Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday: 2:30-6:00

Friday: Noon-5:00

Saturday: 10:00-1:00

Closed Sunday and Monday. For more information call 319-456-6541

Wilson Memorial Library

Mondays 10-6pm

Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays 10-5pm

Fridays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturdays 8-12.

Sigourney Public Library

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/ Thursday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hedrick Public Library

Monday/Thursday/Friday 2 - 6 p.m.

Tuesday 1 - 5 p.m.

Wednesday 12 - 4 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday Closed

What Cheer Public Library

Monday 12:00-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Sigourney Kiwanis

Serving the community since 1969. Kiwanis meet Wednesdays, from 12 to 1 p.m. at Keokuk County Bowl, visitors are welcome.

Free Grace Recovery

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Free Grace United at 107 E Broadway St. What Cheer. For: All Addictions: any hurt, habit or hang up. Come as you are. Childcare provided. Everyone is welcome. freegrace.tv/recovery

Old Keota Business

Anyone having old photos of former Keota businesses, please contact Larry Gale Sanders. The photos will be used in a Keota Business Pictorial Album.

Keota Food Pantry

The food pantry in Keota is open on the last Sunday of the month at the United Church of Faith, 10-11 a.m. Anyone needing food is invited.

Richland Community Food Bank

Located at Richland Methodist Church, 106 W South St. Richland, (319) 456-2251 Sherry Jipp. Open Tuesday and Wednesday 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Thursday 5-7:00 p.m.

City of Keota Public Meeting

Public meetings will be held on the First and Third Monday of each month. at 7 p.m. at Keota City Hall. Special Meetings will be posted at City Hall.

Keota School Board

The Keota School Board meets the second Thursday of each month, typically at 6 p.m.

Keota VFW Auxiliary

The VFW Auxiliary meets the third Tuesday of each month, typically at the VFW building.

Keokuk County Historical Society

Open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Keokuk County Supervisors

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors meets weekly on Mondays at 8:30 a.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous Sigourney

AA Meetings at Community Outreach Center-Sigourney: Wednesdays at 8 p.m. for more information, call (319) 461-6869.

Narcotics Anonymous-Sigourney

NA Meetings Community Outreach Center-Sigourney: Thursdays at 6 p.m. at 615 S Jefferson St Sigourney

Food Pantry-Sigourney

Food Pantry Community Outreach Center-Sigourney: Call the Lord's Pantry at 641-224-2588 or contact a minister

Keokuk County Public Health

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Alcoholics Anonymous-Keota

AA every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Good Neighbor Fellowship Church on Broadway.

Alzheimer's Support

Alzheimer's Support Group meetings are held the first Monday of each month at the Presbyterian Church in Washington at 6:30 p.m.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Weekly meetings Tuesdays, 4:30pm - 5:30 pm Keokuk County Extension Office, 641-777-1653

Grief Share

Sigourney Christian Church, 308 S Jefferson St Wednesdays at 1 p.m., beginning Nov. 6 No charge

Fiddle Dee Dee

3rd Wednesday of every month, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Junk Journal Workday. Bring your own junk journals to build and work on. You can collaborate, share supplies, or ideas.

Keokuk County Democrats

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at City Hall 7:00 PM.

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A retiree at the meet-and-agreed told Sage that, instead of sending money overseas, like to Argentina, the government should put it back into Social Security, where it came from. Sage agreed and said that they need to take the cap off social security, fund it properly, and make sure rich guys pay more than their fair share instead of raising the retirement age. He stated that it's insane that people are having to work harder just to retire while rich people are buying more yachts. Another attendee stated that the cost of living keeps going up, while Social Security stays low. Sage stated that, last quarter, 33% of homes sold in the U.S. were bought by private equity firms who jack up rent, making it impossible for people to live in this world.

One attendee stated that more kids need to go into the trades. Sage stated that there needed to be a national blueprint showing the paths people take to get to high-paying jobs, paths that often don't include college and instead feature apprenticeship programs or training schools. Sage stated he was tired of watching kids get out of college strapped with debt from high interest loans they took to get an education, leaving them unable to have a family or buy a house. He stated that the average age for a first time home buyer was 28, that the median age was 56.

"The cost of housing has risen," Sage said. "I think it's the highest it's ever been in our history. People can't afford life. They can't make it, and here we are just like 'Oh, yeah, well it's their fault. They took out a loan.' Yeah, they took out a loan because they're trying to get an education. Because you told them, 'If you got an education, you get a high paying job, and they could afford life.' And that's not the way the world's working for them anymore. It seems like we've all been lied to and scammed."

The retiree stated that they took money out of Social Security when he was a teenager and never put it back, and stated that they needed to, or his grandkids would never have anything to bank on. Sage stated that, when Franklin Roosevelt established Social Security, the corporate tax rate was in the 80s, compared to the current rate of 15%. He stated that Roosevelt knew that the top was getting so big and that they needed to redistribute wealth back to the working class. Sage stated he felt they were in the same place in history and needed programs to make the country more affordable if people were going to be able to keep living in the U.S. He stated that they needed to lower healthcare costs, raise the federal minimum wage, and get rid of healthcare middle managers so they could negotiate lower prices.

One attendee stated that we needed to get rid of the electoral college; Sage stated he would love to look into getting rid of it. One attendee criticized private prisons, stating that former inmates face the same lack of structure and camaraderie Sage faced when he left the military. She stated she has seen firsthand how prisons suck money out of families. Sage claimed that rich people are trying to privatize everything.

Sage stated that Trump won Iowa because he said he would lower the cost of groceries and make more affordable things people want regardless of party. He stated that it wasn't about Democrats and Republicans, but about Washington being only 2% working class.

"This is about us taking our damn country back. We the

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BIRTHS, ENGAGEMENTS, WEDDINGS, ANNIVERSARIES

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Keota

Oct. 16th

Breakfast: Breakfast Bar, Graham Snacks, Banana, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Taco Salad, Romaine

Fresh Tomatoes, Refried Beans,

Pineapple, Chips and Salsa,

Cinnamon Puff's, Milk.

Oct. 17th

No School

Oct. 20th

Breakfast: Strawberry Boli,

Pears, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Hamburger on a

Bun, Romaine Lettuce, Tomato

Slice, Sweet Potato Fries, Fruit,

Oatmeal, Cookie, Milk.

Oct. 21st

Breakfast: Sausage Patty,

English Muffin/ Jelly, Pineapple,

Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Macaroni & Cheese,

Meat Balls, Peas, Fresh Baby

Carrots, Apples, Wheat Bread &

Jelly, Milk.

Oct. 22nd

Breakfast: Breakfast Egg

Wrap, Orange, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Chili, Cauliflower,

Cucumber, Orange, Chips,

Cinnamon Roll, Milk.

Oct. 23rd

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza.

Lunch: French Toast Sticks,

Sausage Patty, Omelet, Tri Tator,

Apple.

Oct. 24th

Breakfast: Sticky Buns,

Assorted Cereal w/ Yogurt, Fruit,

Juice, Milk.

Lunch: BBQ Pork Nachos,

Nugget w/ Italian Bread,

Pizza Munchable, Salad, Baked

Beans, Fruit, Milk.

Oct. 25th

Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs w/

Tater Tots, Assorted Cereal w/

Toast w/ Margarine, Waffles w/

Toppings, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Chicken Patty w/

Hot Roll, Three Cheese Grilled

Cheese, Peanut Butter and Jelly

Sandwich w/ Mozzarella Cheese

Stick, Mashed Potatoes, Glazed

Carrots, Fruit, Milk.

Oct. 26th

Breakfast: French Toast Sticks.

Lunch: Chili w/ Cheese, Corn,

Crackers, Pineapple, Cinnamon

Roll.

Oct. 27th

Breakfast: French Toast Sticks,

Sausage Patty, Omelet, Tri Tator,

Apple.

Oct. 28th

Breakfast: French Toast Sticks,

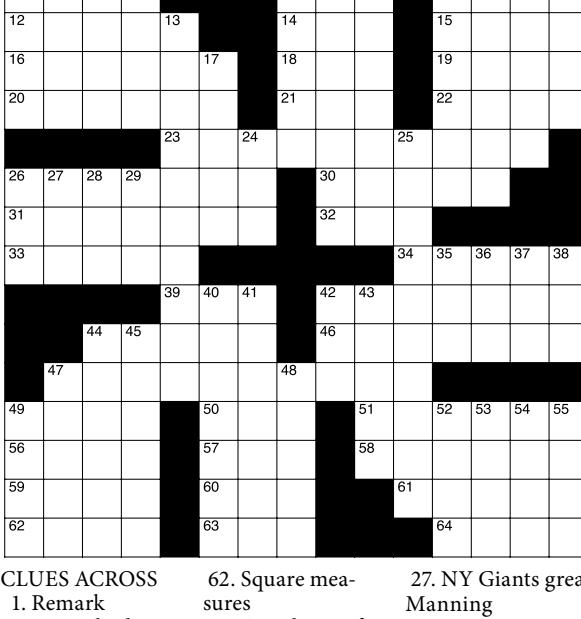
Lunch: Chili w/ Cheese, Corn,

Crackers, Pineapple, Cinnamon

Roll.

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 1. Remark
 5. Upper body part
 8. Expression of dismissiveness
 12. Alternate name
 14. Popular beverage
 15. Swiss river
 16. Step-shaped recess
 18. Rocker Stewart
 19. Bright shade of color
 20. Popular "street"
 21. Wrath
 22. Heat units
 23. Nocturnal omnivorous mammals
 26. Fall back into
 30. Remove from the record
 31. Sound a splash made
 32. Popular Dodge pickup model
 33. Jamaican river
 34. Notable event in Texas history
 39. Cool!
 42. Subset of Judaism
 44. Newly entered cadet
 46. Duct in urinary system
 47. Exterminator
 49. Snatch quickly
 50. Have already done
 51. Less healthy
 56. Therefore
 57. What couples say on the altar
 58. Mysteriously
 59. Look angry or sullen
 60. Bird's beak
 61. Taco ingredient

CLUES DOWN
 1. Pubs
 2. Wings
 3. Popular BBQ dish
 4. Small sponge cake
 5. Open-roofed entrance halls
 6. Organize anew
 7. Type of wine
 8. Forums
 9. North Atlantic islands (alt. sp.)
 10. Pond dwellers
 11. Large integers
 13. Signaled
 17. Brief
 24. Type of student
 25. Tibetan monasteries
 26. Revolutions per minute

62. Square measures
 63. Google certification (abbr.)
 64. Singer Hansard

27. NY Giants great Manning
 28. Local area network
 29. Residue from burning
 35. Illuminated
 36. Vasopressin
 37. Notable space station
 38. Wood sorrel
 40. Adhering to laws
 41. Chose
 42. Hovel
 43. Stood up
 44. European city
 45. Works ceaselessly
 47. Mistake
 48. Sun-dried brick
 49. Sicilian city
 52. A steep rugged rock or cliff
 53. Murder
 54. Other
 55. "Deadpool" actor Reynolds

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THE HISTORICAL VIEWPOINT

What Cheer and the Non-Great Fires

By Casey Jarmes |
The News-Review

Last week, I told the story of the Great What Cheer Fire of 1890. This fire was massive, claiming three blocks and causing \$200,000 in property damage. That fire is the most infamous from the town's history. But, of course, there were other fires over the years.

On Aug. 13, 1892, at around 1 a.m., a fire broke out in the Palace Drug Store, spreading to multiple buildings and causing \$50,000 (\$1.78 million) in property damage. The fire department quickly arrived, but their water ran out, forcing them to drive down to the creek to refill. This gave the fire time to grow out of control, spreading to Griffith's drug store, the Masonic Hall, the Robinson meat market and the Lawson Bazaar. According to the What Cheer Patriot-Chronicle, the fronts of the buildings prevented the hose from acting on the fire.

All three of the buildings

were abandoned, as the fire department made their stand at the Baines Bros. building. But, the great heat and the shortness of their hoses allowed the fire to spread to the wareroom in the back of the building. The firefighters, believing the fire was handled, left to go protect the Dollar Bros. blacksmith shop, only realizing their mistake and returning in the nick of time to save the Baines building. The fire spread to Wheeler's art gallery, causing the gallery's skylights to fall in. The firefighters drenched the art gallery, finally ending the blaze. The Chronicle described this in a fairly poetic way, writing "Thus by combined efforts it was saved and the progress of the destroyer here was stopped."

On May 13, 1903, at 3 a.m., a lamp exploded, causing a fire that destroyed a pair of buildings owned by A.J. Heubler and Steve Keating. The buildings contained the town's grocery store and meat market. The Sigourney Review mentioned that Heubler also lost \$300 (\$11,000) that he had hidden in his bed and that he was still digging through the debris to try and find the money, at the time of publication. A bucket brigade prevented this fire from spreading to the Eclipse hotel.

The Keokuk County News' recounting of the Oct. 18, 1913 fire begins by saying how fortunate it was that there had been no wind that night, because it would have made the fire far worse. That night, Mrs. Trebel, owner of the millinery store, locked up and left to go play bridge. Minutes later, she heard the alarm. The fire that began in the millinery store completely destroyed that building, as well as the nearby barber shop and the restaurant owned by Mr. Newman. The neighboring Buckles & Phillips building was only saved thanks to two men, last names Gilhousen and Davis, staying inside and holding shut the iron window coverings, to keep the fire from spreading.

On June 9, 1915, the Oleland's skating rink caught fire. The rink's tin roof made fighting the fire difficult, but the firefighters managed to put out the blaze. The Sigourney Review made special note of the fact that Mrs. Ed Lortscher provided hot chocolate to the firefighters, which allowed them to keep fighting the blaze late at night. On March 18, 1917, the What Cheer Clay Products Co., the largest business in the town, caught fire. The fire started in the plant's carpenter shop and spread to the blacksmith, machine repair shop and dry sheds and lumber storage, causing \$15,000 (\$404,970) in damage before being put out by the plant firefighters and the city firefighters. On Sept. 11, 1921, Jame's Do-

ing. The fire also spread to the restaurant owned by Mr. Crow, causing an explosion that blew down the ceiling. The Crow restaurant and the drug store were both saved by the owner of the Walker and Thompson machine shop, who let their hose be used to put out the flames. The Keokuk County News' recounting of this fire made special mention of the work firefighters Dennis Stapleton, T. Richardson and P. Lally did to stop the fire. The funny thing about the 1913 fire is that it began mere minutes after the city council had signed a contract to add a new water works system to help fight fires.

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The 1977 Harden's Funeral Chapel fire

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DELTA
Delta Christian Church
108 W 3rd St.
Worship: Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Delta Methodist Church
Pastor Vince Homan
Worship: 9 a.m.
Sunday School for Elementary age children is at 9:30-10:15 a.m.

FREMONT
Fremont Community Church
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.
Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Adult Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Fremont
Pastor Robb Bruns
Sunday School, 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 10 a.m.

GIBSON
Gibson Presbyterian Church
Pastors Amy McGriff and Robert Elgin
Worship, 10 a.m.
Communion on the third Sunday of the month.

HEDRICK
The Church Of Living Water
Pastor Shane Jarr
13 North Main St., Hedrick
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.;
Sunday Worship - 10:40 a.m.;
Evening Services - 7 p.m.
Bible Study Wednesdays - 6 p.m.

Hedrick First Christian
206 Park St. Hedrick
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.;
Gathering for Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Hedrick Community Church A Global Methodist Church
Pastor Michael Elrod
203 N. Spring Street, Hedrick
641-653-4477
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship
In Person, or online through our Facebook Page or www.hedrickumc.org

KEOTA
Good Neighbor Fellowship
126 E Broadway
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Service

Holy Trinity Parish
109 N Lincoln St.
Rev. Fr. Robert Lathrop
Office Phone: 641-636-3883
Sunday Mass: 8:30 a.m.
Religious-Ed Sundays 9:30-10:45 a.m.

United Church of Faith
201 North Ellis Street, PO Box 208
Keota, IA 52248
(641) 636-3825
keotaucf@cloudburst9.net
www.keotaucf.org
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

KESWICK
Keswick and Webster UMC
Pastor Brandi Meyer
319-430-7299
Keswick United Methodist Church
Service: 9:00 a.m.

Webster United Methodist Church Worship service: 10:00 a.m.

Communion is on the 1st Sunday of the month for both churches

New Life Fellowship
Hwy. 22 South, Keswick
319-738-3851
Pastor John Stringfellow

Service Sunday at 10 a.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Teaching Tuesday is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Evening of Praise: every third Saturday of the month at 7 p.m.

NEW SHARON
The Lighthouse Church
641-637-2251
www.nsfcc.org

Pastor Eric Sneed
Sunday: Sunday School 9 a.m.;
Worship 10 a.m.

Wednesday: WOW Kids 6:30 p.m.

Thursday: Prayer Connect 5:50-6:20 p.m.

New Sharon Assembly of God
www.newsharonag.org

Pastor Shane Farnum

Young Group: Wednesday: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

New Sharon Friends Church
Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.

New Sharon Harvest Community Church
Pastor David Pinkerton

2083 Hwy. 102

641-295-0109

Sunday School 8:45 a.m.

Fellowship 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10 a.m.

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Lower Grove Church
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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Lead Pastor Rick Baarda

www.newlifefellowships.org

641-637-2561

newlifefellowships@gmail.com

Worship Service: Sunday, 9:15am (Church)

Children's Sunday School during pastor's morning message. (Church Basement)

Adult Small Group: Sunday, 10:30am (Church)

Adult Small Group: Wednesday, 1:30pm (McVay FC)

G2C Youth Group (2-6th)-

Wednesday, 6:00 -7:30pm (Church)

PROS Youth Group (7-12th) - Wednesday, 6:30- 8:30pm (McVay FC)

Union Mills Christian Church

Pastor Josh Martin

1405 Parkin Ave, New Sharon, IA 50207

641-637-2339

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Worship, 10:35 a.m.

NORTH ENGLISH

St. Joseph's

221 N Knollridge St.

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319-664-3325

Mass Time: Saturdays 5:00pm

(Nov through Feb: 4:00pm)

Religious-Ed: Wednesdays 6:00-7:15pm

Christian Church

Pastor Luke Caster

131 N. Howard St.

Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

Ph. 319-664-3338

OLIE

Grace Family Church

Rev. Dar Eckley, Pastor

24536 Hwy. 78, Box 64, Ollie, 52576

Sunday Worship - 10:15 a.m.

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RockKnowledge Youth Group is

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Ollie Baptist Church

Church Phone: 641-224-9797

Ollie Pastor Tom Grove

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship

Thursday: 9 a.m. Sewing and Quilting

Prairie View Church, A Global Methodist Church

Pastor: Steven Lamb

641-667-2502

27131 Hwy 78, Ollie

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship, Followed by Fellowship

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1804 Burlington Road

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Sunday Morning

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10:30 a.m. Worship

RICHLAND

Richland Methodist Church

Pastor Michael Elrod

106 W. South St., Richland

319-456-2251

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. in person or Facebook page.

Trinity Friends Church

Pastor Jerry Hoover

206 Main St.,

641-919-8922

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Woolson Friends Church

Pastor Jerry Hoover

1005 Jasmine Ave,

641-919-8922

Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

ROSE HILL

Rose Hill Community Church

Pastor: Mike Sennett

2011 Main St.

Sunday School- 9 a.m.

Sunday Worship- 10:15 a.m.

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200 Kramer St.

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Sunday School (PK-6) 10-10:45 a.m.

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people," said Sage.

Sage stated that people voted for Trump because they thought he would break the system, and that they system needed to be broken, but that Trump just broke the system so he could re-ignite it for himself.

An attendee stated she was surprised Iowa was so hateful and that they didn't hate people when she was a kid. Sage stated that this was a population control tactic to keep people divided. He stated that social issues pop up around elections to divide people and make them angry so politicians can push their agendas forward. He stated that the corporations that run this country own the media and social media and that that's why there's so much hate. He stated we needed to put our phones down, talk to our neighbors, touch grass, and do community events again. He stated that, when they bring people together, they realize they're all in the same community and can have real conversations.

Sage stated that, if Iowa didn't have immigrants, the

state's population would be steadily declining. He stated that his wife was Mexican and that her father, a Trump-loving Republican, was now worried about his grandchildren being kidnapped off the street by ICE. Sage stated that people who had been here for 40 years were part of our communities and part of our families and should be treated as such. He stated they needed an actual way for people to become citizens that doesn't cost an arm and a leg or take 20-30 years.

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about and stated he would leave info on the grant at city hall.

McDonald stated that he'd been asked about the house that burned down a while back. He stated that

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Meet the Candidates: Cody Branstad

By Casey Jarmes |
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SIGOURNEY — Cody Branstad is running for reelection to the Sigourney School Board. Branstad was first elected to the board eight years ago and had worked on improving the district's facilities and education.

"I just wanted to be a part of the community and help make a difference," Branstad

said.

Branstad stated he wants to continue pushing for student excellence if reelected, tweaking material and growing the best they can. He also hopes to improve facilities. He noted that Sigourney is a small school, in an area with a declining population, making it a challenge to maintain and grow enrollment.

"The hope is to give every

student a good opportunity," said Branstad.

Branstad grew up in Keota and moved to Sigourney after marrying his wife. He works as a veterinarian at the Keota Vet Clinic.

"We've got a lot of roots here, and want to continue that tradition that's here, whether it's for another hundred years or more, that would be ideal," said Branstad.

place them. Harper stated that they hadn't budgeted for this and that the two options where the school paid for the replacement worried him. He stated that, if they went with the final option, they could budget that cost during the next fiscal year.

McGuire noted that the school had moved the softball game start time to 5:30 p.m. and that they typically don't have a JV softball team.

She asked if it was necessary to update the lights, because they don't use them much anyway. Harper stated that they could do nothing. He brought up the fact that the boosters were planning to use a Washington County Riverboat Foundation grant to level off the field and stated that they could replace the lights at the same time in summer 2026.

He stated they could include the lights in the bond issue.

Redlinger stated that the lights were sufficient for how often they used them and that the softball field was low

on the priorities list for infrastructure updates. Harper stated that it was fine to leave them alone and that, the more they protected the school's general fund, the better.

The board approved spending \$12,000 to purchase a city-owned lot next to the high school.

Jr.-Sr. High Principal

Heather Rosewall noted that both schools had been marked "Commendable" by the State Performance Profiles.

She stated that the secondary school had been either

"Acceptable," "Commendable," or "High Performing" since 2018, and that it came close to "High Performing" this year. She noted good scores in English Language Arts proficiency, math proficiency, and especially English Language Arts proficiency scores. He stated that last year, which the profiles featured data from, they only had one chronically absent student, who was absent because they were in the hospital with mono. He noted a small drop in math growth and stated he wanted to grow that score and maintain the others.

Meet the Candidates: Dan Redlinger

By Casey Jarmes |
The News-Review

KEOTA — Dan Redlinger is running for reelection to the Keota School Board. Redlinger was first elected in 2021, after running to try and be more involved with the school. Since then, he and the other members of the board have dealt with the tail-end of the COVID-19 Pandemic and worked to improve facilities with a chiller project, classroom upgrades, and getting rooms ready for the preschool.

"Just lots of various things

along the way," Redlinger said. "Small projects, here and there, just to make the school better in general, as well as taking the big leap and going to a four-day week, which so far had been successful."

Redlinger attended Keota as a child, graduating in 2002, and has worked for the Kinder Morgan Natural Gas Pipeline for 14 years. He lives south of Keota and has four children who attend the school.

Redlinger stated that state legislation had been a hurdle in the past four years, something he sees as a challenge

going forward, and that money is getting tighter at every level. He stated that he wants to improve academics and test scores, and also make sure there are extracurricular opportunities so kids can think critically and be part of a team. He stated he wanted to focus on student and staff safety if reelected, noting that things were very turbulent right now.

"I want parents and staff to be sure that their kids are coming to a safe place where they can feel comfortable sending their kids too," Redlinger said.

place them. Harper stated that they hadn't budgeted for this and that the two options where the school paid for the replacement worried him. He stated that, if they went with the final option, they could budget that cost during the next fiscal year.

McGuire noted that the school had moved the softball game start time to 5:30 p.m. and that they typically don't have a JV softball team.

She asked if it was necessary to update the lights, because they don't use them much anyway. Harper stated that they could do nothing. He brought up the fact that the boosters were planning to use a Washington County Riverboat Foundation grant to level off the field and stated that they could replace the lights at the same time in summer 2026.

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WHAT CHEER — Frank Calvert, a retired Vietnam War veteran, is running for the What Cheer City Council. Calvert is a member of the What Cheer Historical Walk Committee, which puts up signs with information about the city's past for people to read, and decided to run to see if he could help in other ways.

"We got some problems over here," Calvert said. "I

want to just help see if I can keep it from getting worse, you know...I know what's right and wrong, and I'll try to help the people of the town. We can get things better here. We're going downhill, a little bit. Hopefully we can bring What Cheer back."

Calvert was raised on a farm between Keswick and What Cheer and worked construction for fifty years before retiring. He noted that What Cheer, like all small towns,

is facing a decreasing farm population and has less and less businesses. He stated that he'd like to try and bring more businesses to town.

"I get along with everybody. Even different views, I'm easy-going...We've had some problems with people yelling at each other in there, and that's not going to happen if I'm there. I'm gonna try to take the situation down a notch and talk to people in a calm, clear voice."

Calvert was raised on a farm between Keswick and What Cheer and worked construction for fifty years before retiring. He noted that What Cheer, like all small towns,

thing about Sigourney, but since we've moved here we really love living here. We love our neighborhood. Love our neighbors. Got some great neighbors," Chmelar said.

He stated that he had attended several council meetings to get the feel of the city government and previously applied to be the town's code enforcer.

He stated that he would like to bring law enforcement back to Sigourney,

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COUNTRY GIRL'S CORNER

The Leaves Are Falling

By Sheryl L. Carter

A slow week this week, but it sped up at the end. We got a little rain this week, Monday .5", Tuesday .3" and Friday .4", which adds up 1.2", and for which we are grateful. I don't think it has affected the farmers too much, as harvest proceeds, and the dust billows as they go through those brown fields of beans.

Tuesday, I made a delicious double batch of rice pudding complete with raisins, and taking a hint from one of my favorite cooking shows, "Patti's Mexican Table", added a fragrant stick of cinnamon and a hefty peel from an orange. I was excited to taste the difference, but there wasn't much, but the raisins did taste wonderful in that creamy pudding.

My one grandmother used to make tapioca pudding with big ball tapioca, and it was so very good. Last year a friend gave me her recipe for it, and it tasted just like my grandmother's! Yum. I love food. And watching Patti on PBS is always a treat. She was born in Mexico, but married an American, and now lives in Washington, DC, and they have three sons, Alan, Sam, and Juju.

In Patti's various broadcasts, her sons join her occasionally, beginning when they were in younger, and now grown up and tall, towering over their sweet mom, as she is pretty sweet. Her laugh sounds like a bell, and the boys seem to just love her. They sometimes help her cook on the show, and love to eat what she makes as it always looks so delicious. As

they guide large fork fulls of food to their hungry mouths, the response is always the same, "So good!" Patti loves to prepare her savory dishes with lots of hot peppers, of which there must be endless varieties, and those boys love that hot food, too.

The other day she made up a batch of caramel pancakes with a topping, and the whole thing looked just out of this world. I love to hear her accent as she speaks to the camera, and pretty much figure the guy behind the camera is going to be enjoying some of this delicious food as soon as the show is over.

Last Wednesday evening I led our ladies Bible study at church. Then on Thursday morning we had our monthly Book Club up at the Coffee Cup where we can have a bite of breakfast if we so desire.

We discussed our book of the month, "Before We Were Yours", a story based on the horrific child trafficking that went on in the South in the '30s, from the Tennessee Children's Home run by that monster, Georgia Tann, who got rich by stealing and adopting out babies and children.

The children's names were immediately changed so tracking them would be impossible, and the parents were poor and unable to do anything about it. It was a terrible story, and many of these kids died right there on those grounds and probably buried around there somewhere. Wealthy people came in and adopted these children after being told lies about their

status, and paid that woman big sums to take a baby or a kid home. It was about more than I could get through.

We got a new book for this next month on Thursday at the library uptown, as our librarian gets them in from other libraries for us. I brought the new one home and finished it last night. I had to see what happened, as it was another page turner. "Don't Let Him In", is a well-crafted story, if you can hop over some of the language, of a crafty psychopath who over the years unbelievably worms his way into the affection of a whole list of women, marries some of them, has kids with some, lies, lies, lies, and then goes his merry way after bilking them out of vast sums of money.

This author writes from the viewpoint of the horrible criminal who is a consummate actor—he can even cry on demand—in the way he knows how to so skillfully handle each unsuspecting, but stupid woman, as my land, people, can't you see the truth here somewhere? And she also writes from the women/family he is in the process of deceiving. The author states at the end that although this story is fiction, there are plenty of psychos out there who do and have done these same things. And she includes a list. Yikes.

After that, I had to get my Bible out and read some verses to wash my mind out, and finished with a chapter or two of James Herriot's little Book of Cats. Sheesh. I actually did sleep, which I wasn't sure I even would be able to.

After Book Club, I drove into Pella for my weekly shopping, and I needed a whole slew of groceries, but that was

soon accomplished, and after I dropped some things off at the Thrift, did a quick look and picked up a couple of things, then with my bottle of cold Pepsi and a delicious Snickers bar (it was a little treat), I was off to Knoxville to my holistic provider at Juniper Tree Health and Wellness on West Pleasant. She and I chatted a bit, then I bought a couple of tinctures, and was off for home.

On Friday, as I write this on Sunday afternoon, October 12, Scottie came up for the day and we soon had a hot fire going, the big blue coffee pot on, and then we were off to the garden to dig potatoes. I didn't have a lot this year, but am glad for what there is. As he finished up that job, I got our dinner around, and we soon had fresh dug potatoes sliced up and sizzling in hot bacon fat, and then added some hot dogs to the grill as the coffee bubbled away. It was a tasty repast we both agreed.

Last week I ordered a grill with fold out legs from Amazon and it came quickly. I set it over the dug-out cook spot, and boy, it did just fine. Much better than the metal refrigerator shelf we had been using. The new grill worked perfect!

Scottie got through all the little jobs I had written on our list, and by 4 p.m., we were on our way out to Many Treasures to see what they had to offer. Yesterday morning I was back out there to pick up a few things I had thought about overnight, which by then was half price.

Today has been church and Sunday School, and a nice quiet afternoon at home. No complaints there.

See you next time!

THE SUN SPOT

MAHASKA COUNTY NEWS

OFF THE VINE

By Jackie Perkins

Sunday, October 12, 2025. The sun is shining in University Park – but the furnace has ticked on Autumn is at

our door and when driving down the tree lined streets, the color is just beginning to burst.

The early project for today was to bake Pride of Iowa cookies. I only located one cookie sheet, so on to my second choice – chocolate chip bars. Looking forward to this afternoon as Sieren

cousins are meeting for us to learn more about our roots. We have two from the next generation joining us, so this should be interesting!

The past week has been fairly calm, with no work being done on our building project. We've been working at Fremont and have decided to have a Big Sale in our garage. We plan on being around there beginning Wednesday so if in the area,

stop by. The "fire sale" signal is about to go up so the final determination has to happen!

What a meal for sixty plus last Tuesday! The tables were loaded with tasty dishes and happy people. Come join us!

Next month I'm hoping to have a program regarding Veterans, so bring a Vet for lunch!

I enjoyed ARTE Club at Kathy Streets home on Wednesday and Sit and Stitch at Fiddle Dee Dee in Keota on Thursday. I so enjoy my time there, and this time the Bridge card group were there as well. I visited briefly with Kate Berg, and hopefully she and Mich will stop by if they come this way. I am so thankful to have fun sharing the space!

Time to wrap up this "cursive" written column. I don't know what we will do about this computer situation and I just don't have the time to deal with it right now.

Until next time – enjoy the season!

We began digging the iris this week. We have the areas ready to be planted here. Just

PS – I saw lilacs in bloom this past week!

VIEWPOINT from pg. 4

an's garage caught fire, causing \$15,000 in damage as the flames damaged seven cars,

two trucks and a tractor.

On May 30, 1991, at 2 a.m.,

What Cheer Fair Grounds

groundskeeper Morris Trabert was awakened by a bright

light outside his home at the

fairgrounds. By the time he

ran outside, the fire had al-

ready engulfed the north side

of the wooden barn contain-

ing the horse stalls. Trabert

rushed into town to call the

fire department, who put out

the fire. Fifteen harness-rac-

ing horses were killed by the

blaze and buried in the cen-

terfield of the racetrack.

Over the years, What

Cheer firefighters have

worked tirelessly to keep the

city safe from fire. Most of

the big fires have, thankfully,

been put out without any loss

of life. But, in 1933, the town

wasn't so lucky. In 1933, a fire

at the meat market led to an

explosion, claiming the lives

of four firefighters.

That story deserves its own

column, which I'll share next

week.

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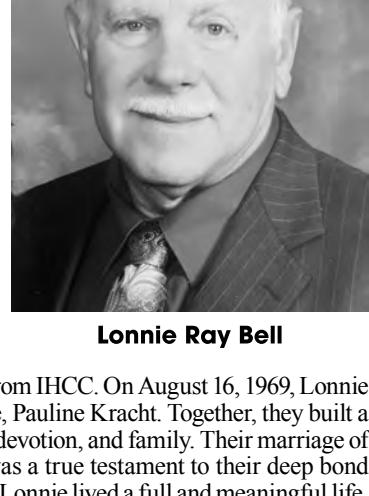
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Obituaries

Lonnie Ray Bell

1950-2025



Lonnie Ray Bell

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Lonnie Ray Bell, who was born on October 1, 1950, at the home of his parents, George and Gladys (Sinkley) Bell. He passed away peacefully at his own home on September 30, 2025, surrounded by his loving family—just one day before his 75th birthday.

Lonnie graduated from Sigourney High School in 1968 and went on to earn his degree in Automotive Technology from IHCC. On August 16, 1969, Lonnie married the love of his life, Pauline Kracht. Together, they built a life filled with faith, love, devotion, and family. Their marriage of more than five decades was a true testament to their deep bond and enduring partnership. Lonnie lived a full and meaningful life, marked by loyalty, strength, and kindness to those around him. He was known for his warm heart, steady presence, and the way he made others feel cared for and valued. To those who knew him, Lonnie was more than a loved one—he was a source of comfort, laughter, and wisdom.

Lonnie was a hardworking man who took great pride in his work and his ability to provide for his family. Over the years, he worked at multiple automotive shops, First Miss, Gossett Feed, and spent time farming with his father-in-law. He drove a school bus for the Sigourney Community School District for 27 years, safely transporting generations of children and greeting each one with a smile. He was also a skilled carpenter for many years and truly a jack of all trades, able to fix, build, or create just about anything. His hands shaped not only wood and work but also the lives of those around him through his dedication, love, and care. He also served on the Board of Review.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Pauline; their four children: Kimberly (Mike) DeWeese, Lonnie L. (Jenny) Bell, Annette Bell, and David (Rebekah) Bell; his mother-in-law, Luetta Kracht; siblings Russell (Mary) Bell, Merry Avery, George (Terri) Bell, and Penny Melzarek; and sisters-in-law and brother-in-law Janet (Bob) Renner and Kathy Kracht. Lonnie was a proud grandfather to 18 grandchildren and a great-grandfather to 15 great-grandchildren, each of whom brought him immense joy and pride. He will also be remembered by many nieces and nephews. His family was his greatest treasure, and his legacy will continue to live on through them.

Lonnie was preceded in death by his parents, George and Gladys Bell; siblings John (Hazel) Bell, Nancy (John) Payne, and Georgia (Jim) Porter; his father-in-law, Leroy Kracht; and his brother-in-law, Wayne Kracht.

Lonnie will be remembered for his kind heart, steady spirit, and the love he poured into his family and friends. He was a member of the Christian Church of Sigourney and had a lifelong faith in God. Though he is no longer with us, his memory will remain forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

A visitation to honor Lonnie's life was held on Friday, October 3, 2025, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Enchanted Events. A service celebrating his life followed on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., also at Enchanted Events, followed by a luncheon where family and friends are invited to gather, share memories, and honor the man who meant so much to so many. Arrangements entrusted to Holland-Coble Funeral Home in What Cheer.

Services: Oct. 4, 10 a.m.

Visitation: Oct. 3, 4-8 p.m.

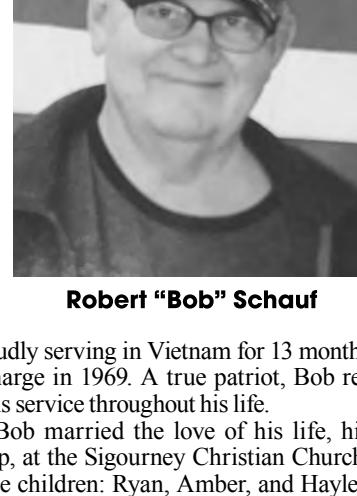
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WHAT CHEER

Obituaries

Robert "Bob" Schauf

1946-2025



Robert "Bob" Schauf

SIGOURNEY—Robert "Bob" Schauf, age 79, of Sigourney, Iowa, passed away peacefully at his home on October 9, 2025.

Bob was born on April 19, 1946, in Wellman, Iowa, to Doyle and Goldie (Ellis) Schauf. He graduated from Sigourney High School in 1966 and spent a brief time working in Cedar Rapids before answering the call to serve his country. In 1967, Bob enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, proudly serving in Vietnam for 13 months until his honorable discharge in 1969. A true patriot, Bob remained deeply proud of his service throughout his life.

On August 17, 1974, Bob married the love of his life, his "Honey," Debbie Northup, at the Sigourney Christian Church. Together they raised three children: Ryan, Amber, and Hayley (Greg) Hammes. Bob's life was grounded in family, service, and community.

He dedicated 35 years to the Iowa Department of Transportation, retiring in 2010. Bob especially loved plowing snow in the winter. Some of his best stories came from behind the wheel of his plow, and he always had a tale to share.

Outside of work, Bob was a passionate sports fan, faithfully cheering on the Iowa Hawkeyes, Chicago Bears, and St. Louis Cardinals. But nothing brought him more joy than supporting his children and grandchildren in their many sporting events. Whether it meant driving across town or across the state, Bob made sure he had the best seat in the house.

In retirement, he devoted himself fully to being "Grandpa." His grandchildren describe him as humble, goofy, a straight shooter, a one of a kind man, a tough soul with a heart of gold, and someone who showed unconditional love in everything he did. His Marine discipline sometimes shined through, but it was always with love and integrity. In recent years, Bob found deep fulfillment reconnecting with fellow Marines, sharing memories and camaraderie through the power of technology.

Bob was a member of the Sigourney Christian Church, the American Legion, and the Sigourney Pride Athletic Boosters.

Bob is survived by his beloved wife, Debbie; his children Ryan, Amber, and Hayley (Greg) Hammes; and his cherished grandchildren Brianna, Payton, Madi Schauf, Makenna, DJ, and Monroe Hammes. He is also survived by his sister Evelyn Pierce; brothers-in-law Mike Northup and Jim Voss; sisters-in-law Cris Utterback and Carol Wehr; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Doyle and Goldie Schauf; his parents-in-law Steve and Alleen Northup; his daughter Amber Schauf; sisters Frances Baumert, Dorothy Niffeneger, Betty Strickler, and Rosemary Voss; nephews David and Earl Strickler; and twin great-grandbabies.

No services will be held at this time. A celebration of life will be planned at a later date.

Bob will be deeply missed, but his legacy of love, strength, humor, and devotion lives on in the many lives he touched.

Services: none held at this time

Celebration of Life: planned at later date

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Sigourney splits matches

By Mark Schafer |
The News-Review

Sigourney bests Colfax-Mingo, falls to HLV-TC

SIGOURNEY - The Savages had mixed results last week. Overall they were able to win four of the eight sets they played in.

Last Monday the Savages were on the road where they fell to HLV-TC 3-1. The Warriors won the first set 26-24, but Sigourney answered with a second set, 25-16 win. The Warriors won the third set 25-23, before winning 25-17 in the fourth set to take the match.

Addy Fineran led the Savages with 14 kills. Bailey Gretter and Clara Hanselman both had eight kills each.

Kayla Renner had 15 assists and Becca Gretter finished with 14 assists. Bailey Gretter had 22 digs. Ella Bruns added three aces.

Sigourney would recover with a Thursday night, 3-1 win over Colfax-Mingo. Sigourney won the first set 25-21, but the Tigerhawks won the second set 25-22. Sigourney took the final two sets with a 25-13 win and a 25-23 win in the fourth.

Fineran had 13 kills to lead her team. Clara Hanselman added nine kills. Bailey Gretter had eight. Becca Gretter finished with 22 assists. Bailey Gretter added 26 digs. Becca

Gretter finished with 20 total digs. Clara Hanselman had five aces.

Overall the Savages are 12-7 on the season.

Panthers fall in five set thriller

PACKWOOD - The Panthers seemed to have everything in order, but a late surge by Louisa-Muscatine sealed their fate.

Last week the Panthers fell in a match 3-2 to Louisa-Muscatine. The Panthers were able to start the match with a 25-12 first set win. They were then able to win 25-22 in the second set to go up 2-0 in the match.

Louisa-Muscatine won the third set 25-18. The fourth set was back and forth with Louisa-Muscatine winning 26-24, forcing a fifth set.

Both teams had their opportunities, but Louisa-Muscatine won the match with a fifth set, 15-12 win.

Katelynn Schultz led the Panthers with 11 kills. Paislee Coleman added nine kills and eight assists. Carlie Gambell added 30 assists. Peyten Coleman had 19 digs. Both Carlie Gambell and Reece Brisby had five aces each.

Overall the Panthers are 11-14 this season.

Keota swept by Montezuma

MONTEZUMA - Through

the first two sets the Eagles seemed to be gaining momentum. Then came the third set.

Montezuma seemed to use what they learned in the first two sets to take control of the match with an eventual 3-0 win. The Bravettes won the first set 25-18. They claimed the second set 25-23, before winning 25-9 in the third set.

English Valleys bests BGM in four

NORTH ENGLISH - The English Valleys volleyball team picked up their 10th victory of the season last week with a 3-1 win over BGM.

After releasing the first set to BGM in a 26-24 defeat, English Valleys would claim the rest of the sets. In the second set they won 25-18. A quick third set saw English Valleys win 25-9. In the final set English Valleys won 26-24.

Joslyn Bender led her team with 18 kills. Ava Gehrking added 10 more kills. Pantera Spies and Anna Gorsh added six and five kills.

Hadyne Bender had 34 assists in the win.

Spies led the team with 22 digs. Hadyne Bender added 17 total digs. Spies finished with six aces in the match. Hayden Bender added four aces of her own.

Overall the Bears are 10-13 on the season.

Regional brackets for volleyball announced

English Valleys will square off against Keota in first round, Pekin, Sigourney open post season with tough rounds

By Mark Schafer |
The News-Review

WEST DES MOINES

All of the teams now have a much clearer picture on what they need to do to extend their season.

Last week the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union announced the regional pairings for the State volleyball playoffs. Two of the area schools learned they would have a rematch to start the post season.

In the first round of the class 1A region 3 bracket Keota and English Valleys will square off in a South Iowa Cedar League matchup. The Oct. 20 game will be the second time this year that Keota and English Valleys have played in Keota. The Eagles won the first match 3-0.

Keota stands at 8-9 overall on the season (as of Oct. 13). English Valleys is 10-13 (as of Oct. 13) on the year.

The winner of that match will advance to the second round of the regional tournament where they will take on Cedar Ridge Christian. In the latest rankings Cedar Ridge Christian was the No. 13 team in class 1A. Cedar Ridge Christian has a first round bye.

Other teams playing in the first round of the class 1A region 3 bracket includes



Keota players Jaylah Redlinger (3) and Kaylee Kindred (1) return a ball during a game against English Valleys played earlier this season. Keota will meet English Valleys in the first round of the playoffs this year.

Hillcrest Academy taking on BGM. North Mahaska hosts Twin Cedars and HLV-TC will host Highland. Montezuma and Lone Tree will take on each other. Belle Plaine and Iowa Valley also play in the first round.

North Tama, the No. 3 ranked team in class 1A, also has a first round bye.

Another conference match will be in the first round for Pekin. The Panthers (11-14) will take on South east Iowa Super Conference foe, Winfield-Mt. Union in the first round of the regional tournament. Winfield-Mt. Union has won eight-straight matches over Pekin including a 3-1 victory earlier this year.

That match will be at Win-

field and start at 7 p.m. The winner will advance to play Holy Trinity Catholic, the No. 2 team in class 1A.

Other first round matches in class 1A region 2 include: Burlington Notre Dame against WACO; Wapello vs New London; No. 15 Dunkerton vs Clayton Ridge; Turkey Valley vs Central Elkader; Edgewood-Colesberg vs Kee; Starmont vs West Central.

Sigourney moved up to class 2A this season, and will be tested against a State tournament team from last year in the first round.

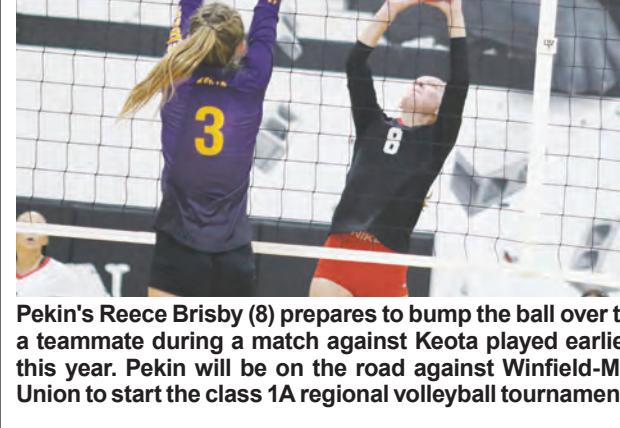
Sigourney (12-7) will square off against Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont in the opening round, which will be played Oct. 20 in Eddyville. Last season the Rockets were the class 2A runners-up, falling to Denver in the championship, 3-0.

The winner of that match will advance to play Wapsie Valley on Oct. 22 at Wapsie Valley. The Warriors are 21-13 so far this year and ranked No. 11 in class 2A.

Other matchups in the class 2A region six tournament include Pleasantville hosting Central Decatur. Grand View Christian will host Interstate 35. Lisbon will welcome West Branch.

Union Community, the No. 6 ranked team in their class, also has a first round bye.

Photos by Mark Schafer



Pekin's Reece Brisby (8) prepares to bump the ball over to a teammate during a match against Keota played earlier this year. Pekin will be on the road against Winfield-Mt. Union to start the class 1A regional volleyball tournament.

Bears fall to No. 4 Iowa Valley to close district play

By Mark Schafer |
The News-Review

NORTH ENGLISH - A steady passing attack wasn't quite enough for English Valleys on Friday night.

English Valleys had thoughts of an upset on their mind in the game against the No. 4 ranked team in 8-player Iowa Valley. Both teams scored early in the first quarter, but that was as close as the score would get as Iowa Valley would run away with a 71-26 win.

Throughout the game the Bears tried to use their passing attack to move the ball down field, but had limited success. Although their first

drive resulted in a touchdown to Everett Bender through the passing attack, Iowa Valley quickly adjusted.

No stats were available for the Bears at press time.

English Valleys will conclude their regular season this week as they host Meskwaki Settlement School (0-7). The Warriors are coming of an 80-16 defeat against GMG. This season the Warriors have scored just 52 total points.

The Bears are averaging 46 points per game this season. They have scored 52 or more points in all four of their victories this year.

Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m.

Bears girls win Hillcrest Academy, Montezuma meets

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English Valleys girls win Hillcrest meet

KALONA - The English Valleys girls used four runners finishing in the top-15 to win the Hillcrest Academy meet last week.

Overall the Bears finished with 42 total points, which was good enough to win the meet. North Mahaska was second with 67 total points.

Anna Luers led the Bears with a second place time of 21:02.01. Aubrey Achenbach was sixth with a time of 21:51.06. Kaylynn Caster was ninth overall with a time of 22:12.32. Addison Achenbach was 11th overall with a time of 22:27.06, but she finished inside the top-10 in scoring.

Kaylee Frazier finished 24th overall and Kailor Lown finished in 25th.

In the boys race the Bears finished fifth overall with 157 points. Washington won the meet with 53 points. Louisa-Muscatine also finished with 53 points, but finished second because their fifth runner was lower in the standings.

Leading the way for the Bears was Isaac Frazier who finished ninth with a time of 18:31.7. Will Luers finished 30th with a time of 20:08.87. Dayne Render was 35th. Drake Offerman was 44th. Davis Burdick was 54th overall.

Bears, Sigourney turn in top times at Montezuma meet

SEARSBORO - The bullets weren't the only thing that

were moving fast at the Big Springs Shooting Club on Thursday afternoon.

Both English Valleys and Sigourney's cross country teams turned in top finishes.

The Bears ran again on Oct. 9 at a meet sponsored by Montezuma. Once again the Bears girls team won. They scored 29 points, finishing ahead of Sigourney, who was second with 59 points.

Anna Luers led the Bears with a second-place finish and a time of 20:51. Kaylynn Caster was fifth with a time of 21:39.9. Aubrey Achenbach was sixth with a time of 22:02. Addison Achenbach was seventh with a time of 22:17.4. Kaylee Fraizer finished 10th with a time of 23:23.2.

Kailor Lown finished 13th, the Sigourney girls were led by Addison Yates who finished third overall with a time of 21:14.7. Ellie Yates was fourth overall with a time of 21:14.7 as well.

Brynn Claranahan had a time of 22:52.7 to place her eighth. Cloee Wilson was 12th overall with a time of 23:40.7. Kia Montgomery finished in 42nd place.

In the boys race the Panthers finished third with 52 points. WACO won the meet with 32 points.

Leading the Panthers was Cole Millikin who finished second with a time of 17:17.5. Lane Fariss was fifth overall with a time of 17:53.4. Mason Dahlstrom was eleventh with a time of 18:13.2. Brody Sobaski finished 18th. Landon Fariss was 21st. Clayton Harvey was 24th. Conor Cloyd finished 25th.

Will Luers from English

Valleys finished ninth overall with a time of 18:35.2.

Sigourney runners Levi Myers, Cole Klett and Jordan Anderson finished in positions 14, 18 and 19. Isaac Jones finished in 42nd.

English Valleys runners Evan Koehn and Dayne Render finished 15th and 20th. Drake Offerman was 32nd.

Hunter Grandstaff from Keota was 29th. Chase Hailey was 34th. Luke Moeller was 36th.

Glosser wins Mike Jay Invitational meet

COLUMBUS - Pekin senior Chloe Glosser won the Mike Jay Invitational meet held last week in Columbus.

Glosser won with a time of 19:32.2. She was more than a minute ahead of the next nearest runner.

Abby Guise finished sixth with a time of 23:10. Maddy Petrehn was seventh. Camille Ernest was eighth and Hailey Pedrick was ninth in the race. Zoe Heisdorffer was 11th. Haven Hensley finished 12th and Harper Guise placed 13th for the Panthers.

The Pekin girls won the meet with 23 points.

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How social media affects kids' mental health

Social media has become such a key component of most people's lives that it is easy to think that it has always been there. Six Degrees, created in 1997, was the first social media site similar to the format known today. When SixDegrees shut down in 2001, Friendster, LinkedIn, MySpace, and Facebook soon took root.

The University of Maine reports there are now 4.8 billion social media users worldwide, representing 92.7 percent of all internet users. And according to the American Family Survey 2023, 96 percent of parents say their kids have access to at least one social media platform. Many use multiple online platforms daily.

Although social media may have originated as a means to bring people together, there are many who argue that it actually does the opposite. Instances of cyberbullying, which is a form of online harassment, have grown as social media has become more pervasive. Some experts believe that mental health concerns are an unexpected side effect of increased social media use, says Johns Hopkins Medicine.

In fact, in the spring of 2023, United States Surgeon General Vivek Murthy, MD, MBA, released an advisory that suggested social media is harmful to young people. In 2024, Dr. Murthy called for a surgeon general's warning label on social media not unlike the warnings on cigarette packages.

How might social media affect children's mental health? Here

are some of the main concerns.

• Changes in a developing brain: According to the Surgeon General's report, children's brains go through a highly sensitive period of development between the ages of 10 and 19, when feelings of self-worth are forming. Frequent social media use may affect these feelings as children compare themselves to others they see online. In addition, functions like emotional learning, impulse control and emotional regulation may be affected.

• Development of depression: Johns Hopkins Medicine says research has demonstrated there are high rates of depression attributed to very low social media use and very high social media use. Finding a healthy balance might not be as easy as it seems.

• Addiction: There is some evidence that children become addicted to checking social media, which can lead to addiction-like behaviors in other areas. According to The Addiction Center, a Web-based substance abuse resource, addiction to social media is driven by an uncontrollable urge to log on that impairs other important areas of life. Fear of missing out (FOMO) is another threat to kids' mental

health.

• Low self-esteem issues. Children and teenagers who compare themselves to others' carefully curated online profiles (which usually are not telling the whole story) can develop feelings of inadequacy and body image issues.

• Exposure to inappropriate content. Social media may introduce children to content and images that are not appropriate for their age levels and capacity to understand and interpret. According to Dr. Murthy's report, deaths have been linked to suicide- and self-harm-related content, such as risk-taking challenges or asphyxiation content. Viewing this content

Athletes of the Week

By Mark Schafer

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Pantera Spies

Last week it seemed to be her right arm that continued to swing momentum for her team.

English Valleys sophomore, Pantera Spies had one of the more outstanding single match performances of any athlete this year. In an Oct. 6 match against BGM, the continued heavy hits of Spies helped lift English Valleys to a 3-1 match victory.

Although Spies only finished with six kills, her ability

to dig out the ball was a constant turning point for her team. Spies had 22 digs in the match, averaging 5.5 digs per set. Her ability to keep the ball alive is what English Valleys used to win the match.

Spies also had six aces throughout the match.

The News-Review would like to congratulate Spies on her outstanding week of play and for being named this week's Athlete of the Week.



Ike Molyneux

His rushing yards alone, out gained the entire Durant team.

Sigourney-Keota junior running back Ike Molyneux had a strong game on Friday night as he was able to rush for four touchdowns and 225 total yards.

The four touchdowns enough would have been good enough to give the Cobras a victory, but Molyneux proved to be a tough runner to stop on Friday night.

Cobras down Durant, claim playoff berth

By Mark Schafer |

The News-Review

SIGOURNEY - They aren't

done playing at home just yet.

Although their regular season home slate has wrapped up, the Sigourney-Keota football team knows they will be returning to the Snake Pit at least one more time this season. On Friday night the Cobras were able to use a steady offense to gain an ultimate 44-14 victory over Durant.

The win was critical for the fate of the Cobras this season. The victory assures the Cobras that they will make the playoffs. Also, because of the win the Cobras know they will be hosting at least a first round playoff game.

At first there was a bit of concern that the game might have an all too familiar feeling to it. Durant took an early lead when they were able to score on the very first drive of the game. That was the last time that Durant seemed to feel comfortable.

Sigourney-Keota would respond as Carson O'Rourke was able to return the ensuing kickoff, all the way for a touchdown, allowing the Cobras to tie the game.

It wasn't long before the Cobras would take the lead.

A familiar face continued his junior season success for Sigourney-Keota as Ike Molyneux would close out the opening quarter with a long touchdown run to help power the



Ike Molyneux (10) starts to run up field during a play in an Oct. 3 game against Iowa City Regina. Molyneux would score four touchdowns in an Oct. 10 game against Durant, helping Sigourney-Keota grab a 44-14 win.

Cobras to a 14-7 lead after the first quarter.

Molyneux would score one more time in the first half as he pummeled the Durant defense for a four-yard touchdown run with just over a minute remaining in the first half. In between the two touchdown runs of Molyneux the Cobras were able to score a touchdown when Brayden Wood connected with Ayden Galindo on a 44-yard touchdown pass.

At halftime the Cobras enjoyed a comfortable 28-7 lead. However, the Cobras were far from done.

Midway through the third quarter Molyneux scored off a 10-yard touchdown run to extend the lead 35-7. Durant did score late in the third quarter, but that was countered with a final touchdown run by Molyneux.

The win virtually guarantees the Cobras a second-place finish in the district. Their only district defeat came to Iowa City Regina, who has steamrolled through the

rest of the district play. With wins over EBF, Louisa-Muscatine and Durant the Cobras hold all the tie breakers over the rest of the teams in their district.

A win this Friday night against Cardinal will officially secure a second place finish in the district.

Molyneux led the Cobras with 225 yards rushing on Friday night. That included his four touchdowns. He averaged 7.5 yards per carry. Wood added 51 yards off nine rushes. Ayden Galindo and O'Rourke combined for four rushes for five yards.

Wood completed both of the passes he attempted for 58 yards and a touchdown.

Galindo caught both passes for 58 yards and a touchdown.

John Berg led the Cobras with four solo tackles on the night. Jacob Libe added three solo tackles, as did Chase Claran.

O'Rourke had an interception. He also returned two kicks for 103 total yards and a touchdown.

The Cobras held Durant to 131 yards of total offense.

The win improves Sigourney-Keota to 3-4 overall on the season and 3-1 in district play. Friday night their regular season will conclude with a game against Cardinal (1-6, [1-3]). Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m.

Photos by Mark Schafer



Sigourney-Keota returner Carson O'Rourke (28) runs away from a defender during an Oct. 3 game against Iowa City Regina. In the Oct. 10 game O'Rourke scored a touchdown off a kickoff return.

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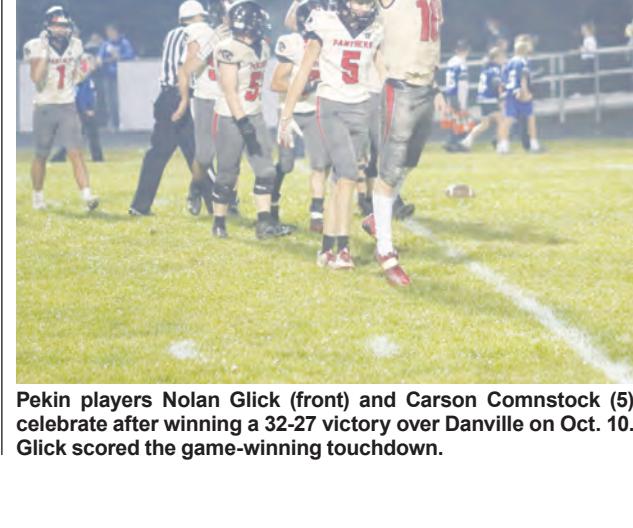
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Pekin players Nolan Glick (front) and Carson Comstock (5) celebrate after winning a 32-27 victory over Danville on Oct. 10. Glick scored the game-winning touchdown.

with 1:27 left in the game.

"Once I caught the ball I was just thinking I need to get to the endzone," Glick said. "I took off and I was untouched all the way to the endzone. Being able to cross the goal line to take the lead, that was the best feeling in the world. I wouldn't trade that feeling for anything else in the world."

The interception was the first Glick has recorded this season, and just the second interception the Panthers have returned for a touchdown this year.

"Nolan just made a great read on the play, he knew what to expect, and jumped up and undercut the ball," Weber said. "You got to be able to jump to make the play like he did. He was able to get the ball into the endzone in the fourth quarter for us. I'll be honest, we were struggling to score in the fourth quarter. Hats off to the Danville defense and how they were able to stop us."

The Panthers had the lead, now all they had to do was hang on.

For the third-straight drive Pekin would make a stop on Danville, but it didn't come without more adversity. The Bears were able to cross midfield and made it down to the Pekin 28 yard line. Time was running out and the Bears were going for the kill. The first down play was swatted away. The second down pass was nearly intercepted, but fell to the grass for another incompletion. On third down the pass was tipped, nearly caught by a Danville player, but dropped.

It all led to one final play. Fourth and 10 from the Pekin 28. The district championship was on the line.

Pekin brought the blitz as two of the defensive linemen broke free and chased down Danville quarterback, Dillan Mason. Mason retreated to the 35 yard line before throwing a ball off his back foot, arcing the pass over the two Pekin defenders that were chasing him. The ball floated to the right sideline. Two Danville receivers tracked it down, but getting to it first was Reed Lauder, who ran vertically up the sideline to get the interception and seal the win for the Panthers.

"That was just a classic and someone had to come out on top," Weber said.

This is the first time since Weber has been at Pekin that the Panthers have won their district championship. With the district title comes an added insurance of at least one home playoff game.

"I don't think there is a single other team that has worked as hard as we have to get here," Glick said. "We had worked too hard to get this. I knew that I had to do something here. I just waited for a chance to make the play."

Untouched, Glick rushed

11-yards into the endzone, giving the Panthers a 32-27 lead

in the endzone.

Adam caught five passes for 54 yards. Aliah Brock caught one pass for a 58 yard touchdown. Lauder caught two passes for 58 yards and a touchdown. Glick caught two passes for 25 yards.

Glick ran the ball 21 times for 144 yards with a touchdown. He also passes the 1,000 yard rushing mark on the season. Smith rushed 12 times for 39 yards. Adam had seven rushes for 23 yards.

Glick and Lauder both had an interception in the game.

Pekin is 7-0 on the season, and 5-0 in district play. Next week the Panthers will play against Columbus (3-4) in Columbus.

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COURT RECORDS

Civil

Oct. 3rd
Petitioner Auston David Her-
man; Respondent Holly Noel
Morrison; Self- Represented
Litigant; Order for Judgment.

Oct. 6th

Defendants Creditors of An-
THONY B. WINEGARDEN, Spouse
of Defendant, Unknown
Claimants of West Half of Lot
12 in B, Unknown Heirs of An-
THONY B. WINEGARDEN, Nancy

Marie Winegarden; Plaintiff
Numa Property Management
LLC; Petition Filed.

Oct. 8th

Defendant John Phillip
Farmer; Plaintiff Capital One,
NA; Petition Filed.

Defendant John Phillip
Farmer; Plaintiff Capital One,
NA; Petition Filed.

Criminal

Oct. 3rd

Defendant Lawrence Wilbur

Clark; Plaintiff State of Iowa;
Order of Disposition.

Defendant Jacob Dale
Fleming; Plaintiff State of
Iowa; Motion for Continuance.

Defendant Travis Wayne
Ehrman; Payee Keokuk County;
Plaintiff State of Iowa; Order
of Arraignment.

Defendant Ashley Beth
Zamora; Plaintiff State of
Iowa; Hearing for Initial Ap-
pearance.

Defendant Debra Dawn De
Kraai; Payee Keokuk County,
Mahaska County Sheriff;
Plaintiff State of Iowa; Written
Pleas of Guilty.

Defendant Deshun Octacie
Smith; Payor Derriana John-
son; Plaintiff State of Iowa;
Order of Disposition.

Defendant Sheffiney Shae
Thomas; Plaintiff State of
Iowa; Order of Arraignment.

Oct. 6th

Defendant Jacob Dale
Fleming; Plaintiff State of
Iowa; Order of Arraignment.

Defendant Clifford L. Fritz;
Payee Keokuk County; Plain-
tiff State of Iowa; Arrest War-
rant.

Defendant Debra Dawn De
Kraai; Payee Keokuk County,
Mahaska County Sheriff;
Plaintiff State of Iowa; Order
of Disposition.

Defendant Derek Lee Hiller;
Plaintiff State of Iowa; Order of
Arraignment.

Defendant Jasmine Jean
VanPatten; Plaintiff State of
Iowa; Criminal Complaint.

Defendant Saidriek James
Wesley Geromini; Plaintiff
State of Iowa; Criminal Com-
plaint.

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Oct. 6th

Defendant Devin Lee Fleen-
er; Payor Holly Dickey; Plain-
tiff State of Iowa; Order for Ar-
raignment, Trial Information.

Scheduled Traffic

Oct. 3rd

Defendant Vernon J.
Hammes; Speeding 55 or Under
Zone (16-20 Over).

Defendant Megan Rae Mon-
tgomery; Speeding 55 or Un-
der Zone (6-10 Over).

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Defendant Leon William
Greiner; Failure to Maintain to
Use Safety Belts- Adult.

Defendant James Marion
Keasling; Driving or Towing
Unsafe Vehicle.

Oct. 5th

Defendant Miranda Lyn
Songer; Speeding 55 or Under
Zone (1-5 Over).

Defendant Chandria Noelle
Clayton; Fraudulent Use of
Registration.

Defendant Chandria Noelle
Clayton; No Valid Drivers Li-
cense.

Defendant Nathan Todd
Cherryholmes; Failure to
Maintain Registration Plate.

Defendant Kyedan Nathan-
iel Geiger; Speeding 55 or Under
Zone (6-10 Over).

Defendant Nooradeen F.
Alsabagh; Speeding 55 or Under
Zone (6-10 Over).

Defendant Heather Eliza-
beth Hohenshell; Speeding 55
or Under Zone (6-10 Over).

Defendant Elijah Jamal Ra-
shad Murphy; No Valid Drivers
License.

Defendant Elijah Jamal Ra-
shad Murphy; Speeding 55 or Under
Zone (16-20 Over).

Defendant Bryce Waechter;
Failure to Provide Proof of Fi-
nancial Liability.

Defendant Bruce Allen Bor-
mann; Speeding 55 or Under
Zone (6-10 Over).

Defendant Kent Leon
Grimm; Speeding 55 or Under
Zone (6-10 Over).

Oct. 8th

Defendant Rhaya Kristine
Tubb; Speeding 55 or Under
Zone (6-10 Over).

Oct. 9th

Defendant Aidan A. Milford;
Operation Without Registration
Card or Plate.

Defendant Aidan A. Milford;
Failure to Provide Proof of Fi-
nancial Liability.

Defendant Jose Perez Her-
nandez; Speeding 55 or Under
Zone (6-10 Over).

Defendant Roger Lee Greg-
son; Speeding 55 or Under
Zone (6-10 Over).

Small Claims

Oct. 3rd

Defendant Nicole Leah
Sanders; Plaintiff Kenneth
Scott Wagler; Small Claims
Original Notice.

Oct. 6th

Defendants Alexander
Charles Connelly, Levi Mitch-
ell; Plaintiff LCS Capital LLC;
Judgment Default.

Defendants Ashley E.
Thompson, Jerrod Eugene
Thompson; Plaintiff Hauge
Associates Inc; Judgment De-
fault.

Oct. 7th

Defendant Bethany Bailey;
Plaintiff Hauge Associates Inc;
Small Claims Original Notice.

Defendant Chrystel Mc-
Guire; Plaintiff Community
First Credit Union; Small
Claims Original Notice.

Oct. 8th

Defendant Candace J. Mar-
ley; Plaintiff Veridian Credit
Union; Small Claims Original
Notice.

Defendant David John Kop-
sicker; Plaintiff Midland Credit
Management, INC; Small
Claims Original Notice.

Defendant Austin Ray
Brown; Plaintiff Midland Credit
management, INC; Small
Claims Original Notice.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Sept. 29th

Court Officer Deed; Sarah
L. Beatty Estate, MidWestOne
Bank, MidWestOne Bank Ex-
ecutive to Sarah Beatty Trust,
MidWestOne Bank Trustee; PT
NW SW 16-77-13, SE SE 15-
77-13, SW SE 15-77-13, PT
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15-77-13, SE SW 15-77-13,
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23-77-12, PT SW SE 23-77-12,
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77-12, PT NW NE 26-77-12,
PT SW NE 26-77-12.

Sept. 30th

Trustee Warranty Deed;
Jeffrey Osweiler Trust, Amy
A. Annis Trustee to Amy A.
Annis; PT NE NW 07-77-11,
PT SE NW 07-77-11, NE SW
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07-77-11, NE SE 12-77-12,
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SE SW 01-77-12, SW SE
01-77-12, NW NE 12-77-12,
SW NE 12-77-12, PT SE SW
18-77-11, PT NE NW 19-77-11,
SE NW 19-77-11.

Warranty Deed; Chad M.
Good to Eva Valdelune; SW

PT SE NW 07-77-11, NE SW
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SW 07-77-11, NE SE 12-77-12,
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SW NE 12-77-12, PT SE SW
18-77-11, PT NE NW 19-77-11,
SE NW 19-77-11.

Trustee Warranty Deed;
Margaret Osweiler Trust, Amy
A. Annis Trustee to Amy A.
Annis; PT NE NW 07-77-11,
PT SE NW 07-77-11, NE SW
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SE NW 19-77-11.

Warranty Deed; Chad M.
Good to Eva Valdelune; SW

SW 06-77-11 Parcel: AUD
PAR A, PLAT 2009-1740.

Deed Quit Claim; Lawrence
Abner Staley, Angelina U. Sta-
ley to Lawrence Abner Staley,
Angelina U. Staley; NE NE
29-77-12 Parcel: AUD PAR A,
PLAT 2015-0496.

Oct. 2nd

Court Officer Deed; James
A. Tinnies Estate, Kimberly
R. Tinnies Executor to Farmers
Coop Assn; RR ROW PT
NE NE 25-76-10, PLAT 2014-
1672.

Oct. 3rd

Deed Quit Claim; Kathy Lu-
cas to Martin Lucas; NE SE
07-75-11, NW SE 07-75-11,
SW SE 07-75-11, NE SW 07-
75-11, PT NW SW 07-75-11,
NE NW 18-75-11.

Court Officer Deed; James
Lee Thomas Estate, Rebecca
Thomas Administrator to Brian
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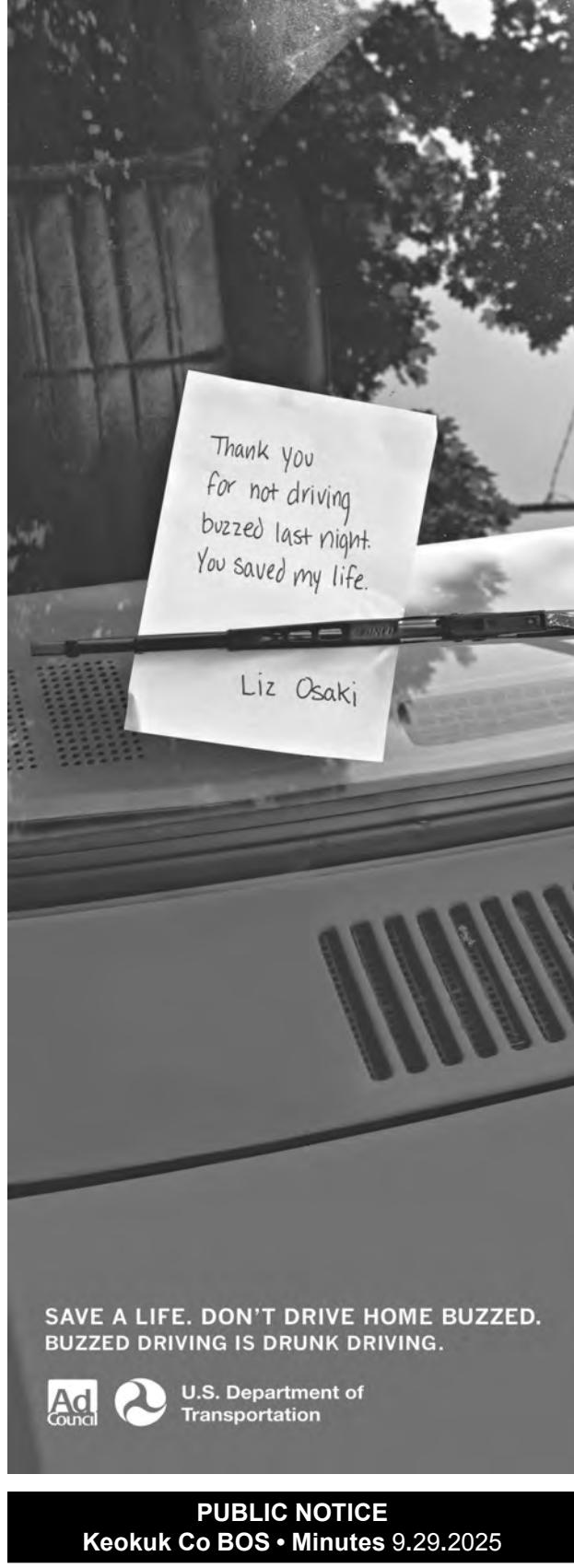
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KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS SEPTEMBER 29, 2025

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, September 29, 2025, in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Kevin Weber and Christy Bates, County Auditor.

Weber moved, Wood seconded to approve the agenda as submitted. All ayes and motion carried. Also present was Casey Jarmes, News-Review.

Wood moved, Weber seconded to approve the minutes of September 22, 2025 as submitted. All ayes and motion carried. Fortney, Emergency Management/E911, stopped in to inform he met with the Keota School Safety Committee last week and held training for the teachers and discussed AED and Stop the Bleed kits as opioid funded expenditures as well.

Met with Engineer McGuire regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department as follows: no work was performed on the V45 project last week, although stated plans are to complete two of the three culverts this week, leaving the final culvert located between the Bates residences for the following week if all goes as planned; he spoke with Department of Transportation regarding the detour route for the box culvert replacement on Hwy 92 and also discussed was use of a van box on running gears for a culvert replacement in other counties.

Weber moved, Wood seconded approval of resolution for FY2026 IVRM approving excavator mulcher equipment acquisition as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.

Wood moved, Weber seconded

ed approval of quarterly interfund operating transfer from Rural Services Fund (\$467,500) and Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Fund (\$50,000) to Secondary Roads Fund as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.

Weber moved, Wood seconded approval of resolution designating all elected and appointed officials as voting representatives for the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.

Various Board and Committee reports were held. Wood attended a 1015 Transit meeting. Hadley attended Sieda, Board of Health and Area 15 meetings. Weber had no scheduled meetings last week.

Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held.

Treasurer Long entered to share concern regarding the generator transfer timeline for Tuesday, September 30th, reminding this is the final day for tax payments without penalty. Board consensus was for Long to communicate with Atwood Electric personally. Bates shared a presentation request regarding Caughous HIPAA services. Board consensus was not interested in pursuing this service.

On vote and motion Hadley adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

The above and foregoing information is a summary of the minutes taken at the above indicated meeting. The full and complete set of minutes is available at the Keokuk County Auditor's Office and www. keokukcounty.iowa.gov.

Approved
Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Kevin Weber
Published in The News-Review on October 15, 2025



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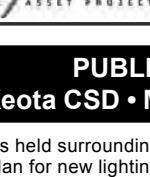
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PUBLIC NOTICE Keota CSD • Minutes 10.9.2025

KEOTA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

THURSDAY OCTOBER 9, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Keota Community School District met in regular session on Thursday, October 9, 2025 in Keota High School student lounge. Board members present included: Bill Kindred, Andy Conrad, Dan Redlinger, Pat Hammen, Erin McGuire. Also present were David Harper, Gina Bennett, Amy Greiner, Seth Milledge, Heather Rosewall, Casey Jarmes

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order/Acknowledgement of Quorum: President Billie Kindred called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, acknowledged a quorum, and read the mission statement.

Approve/Amend Agenda: Pat Hammen moved to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 5-0.

Student Reports/Programs/Celebrations: ELA instructors Rachel Cullett and Rachael Bries presented on their curriculum and what is happening in their respective classrooms.

Community Public Participation: No one spoke.

Consent Agenda: Dan Redlinger moved to approve the following consent agenda items:

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes.

Approval of Financial Reports.

Approval of Summary List of Bills.

Approval of Open Enrollment Requests.

Approval of Fund-Raising Requests.

Approval of Personnel Report.

Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0.

Non-Action Items:

Discussion was held surrounding the proposed plan for new lighting at the softball field.

Superintendent Harper outlined the priority list of district goals with the board.

The board reviewed a proposal submitted by VIPS for the final classroom renovations.

Discussion was held regarding information from Red Lion Solar.

Discussion was held regarding information from Piper Sandler.

Action Items:

Moved by Pat Hammen to approve the Allowable Growth and Supplemental Aid for Special Education in the amount of \$112,103.80. Seconded by Erin McGuire. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved by Dan Redlinger to approve the IASB Policy Primer 208, 208.R1, 401.01, 502.07, 507.05, 7-8, 710.E1, 507.02, 607.02, 802.02, 804.05 first reading. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved by Dan Redlinger to approve the district professional development plans. Seconded by Erin McGuire. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved by Dan Redlinger to approve the Lau plan as presented. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved by Erin McGuire to approve the AAA Mechanical semi-annual HVAC preventative maintenance agreement running from October 2025 through September 2026 in the amount of \$9450.00 or \$4725.00 per semiannual preventative visit. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved by Pat Hammen to submit a bid of \$12,000.00 for the city lot on Ellis Street with Dave Harper authorized to submit the bid on behalf of the district and sign documentation. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 5-0.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Harper reported that he had met with those involved in the nutrition program and brainstormed with them for ideas to invite more participation from students in the school nutrition program.

High School Principal Report:

Heather Rosewall shared the secondary performance profile with the board. The high school has earned a commendable rating.

Professional development is getting into Universal Tier 1 and 2.

Parent-teacher conferences went well with about 30ish parents coming in.

National Honor Society induction ceremony will be October 14th in the JH gym for grades 7-12 from 8:00-10:00.

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School Spirit Shines in the English Valleys Student Section

By: Kaleb Bolinger

If you've attended an English Valleys football or volleyball game, you've definitely noticed our energetic student section. They bring the noise, excitement, and pride that make every game more memorable. The student section fuels both teams with contagious energy—celebrating every big play, keeping spirits high, and showing what true Bear pride looks like.

Each game brings a new theme, keeping things fresh and fun. From Pajama Night to USA Night, the creativity and enthusiasm never stop. Students show up dressed to impress, ready to cheer their hearts out and support their classmates on the court and field.

But the student section doesn't stop at home games, they travel, too! On September 26th, nearly 40 students packed a pep bus and headed to Graceland University to cheer on the football team as they took on the Cowboys. Their energy and dedication impressed everyone so much that the Booster Club sponsored another pep bus the following week for the October 3rd matchup against WACO. Once again, the bus was full and the spirit was unstoppable.

Volleyball games have been just as lively, with students jumping, chanting, and celebrating every point. The excitement is contagious, and our athletes love feeding off the energy the crowd provides. It keeps them motivated, especially during the toughest moments of the game.

The fun isn't stopping anytime soon! The student section plans to keep the momentum going strong through basketball and wrestling season. Their pride, passion, and Bear spirit make every game night something special at English Valleys.



Senior Portrait Requirements 2025

The publications class uses your senior photo as your school picture in the yearbook. It is also often used in the senior video (But you can submit a different one if you would like). You can either bring a physical photograph or you can email a digital file of the photograph. If you bring in a physical photo, we will scan the photo and return it to you. If you send a digital photo, please send it to Mrs. Burdick, the yearbook advisor at cburdick@english-valleys.k12.ia.us. You may even be able to have your photographer email your senior photo directly to us. The deadline for senior photos is Wednesday, December 17, 2025. Seniors needing an extension must make arrangements with the yearbook advisor BEFORE the December 17 deadline.

Requirements

- The photo must be vertical. Horizontal photos will be cropped or replaced if necessary.
- You must be facing the camera, both eyes visible. (We want to see your face)
- Backgrounds (trees, rocks, columns, etc.) should not block the view of the student's face.
- Senior clothing and jewelry must be "school-appropriate"
- No texture, name stamping, embossing, watermarks, or date stamp

Recommendations

- Photos are best if they are at least 300 dpi in resolution
- Please do not print digital images off at home and send them in, just email the image to Mrs. Burdick
- Printed photos are best if they are 3 x 5 to 8 x10 (bigger photos scan in a little better)

Having Trouble Getting Your Senior Photos Taken? You are not required to have a professional take your senior portrait. If for some reason you will not be able to get your senior photo taken by the due date, you are not planning on taking any, or you are unable to afford them, please contact Mrs. Burdick, the yearbook advisor, at cburdick@english-valleys.k12.ia.us. We will be happy to make arrangements to have one of our staff or the advisor take your photo for the yearbook. All students will also have a school picture taken at the beginning of the year and we can use that photo if necessary/requested. We do not want anyone to be left out!!

Meet Mr. Wherle: New Energy in P.E.

By: Tyler Wiseman

Our new PreK-12 physical education teacher, Mr. Dawson Wherle, is excited to begin his first year at English Valleys and is looking forward to meeting students and having fun. He enjoys getting to know different personalities and appreciates how each student is unique in their own way.

Mr. Wherle chose to become a P.E. teacher because of his passion for sports and athletics. Staying active has always been important to him, and he hopes to encourage and motivate students to be active as well. "It's kind of been a big passion of mine, and I thought it was a good calling," he said.

Mr. Wherle grew up in Iowa and attended Louisa-Muscatine High School. He then went to Southeast Community College, where he competed on the track team, before finishing his degree at the University of Northern Iowa. His favorite sport is track, and he finds it exciting to watch the many talented track athletes in Iowa compete at the state meet each year.

Outside of teaching, Mr. Wherle enjoys watching football and basketball, golfing, and coaching—which takes up much of his time in the winter and spring. This year, he will serve as the assistant coach for the junior high girls' basketball team, the head coach of the junior high boys' basketball team, and the assistant coach for the high school girls' track team.

Mr. Wherle looks forward to a fun and active school year. He hopes to inspire students to enjoy fitness both in class and through his coaching.



Upcoming Activities

October 16:
HS Volleyball @ Iowa Valley 5:30

October 17:
Varsity Football vs Meskwaki 7:00
Senior Night

October 20 - 29: Regional Play Volleyball -TBA

October 23: Regional Cross Country- TBA

October 20 - 29: Regional Play Volleyball -TBA

October 24: Football Playoffs Start - TBA

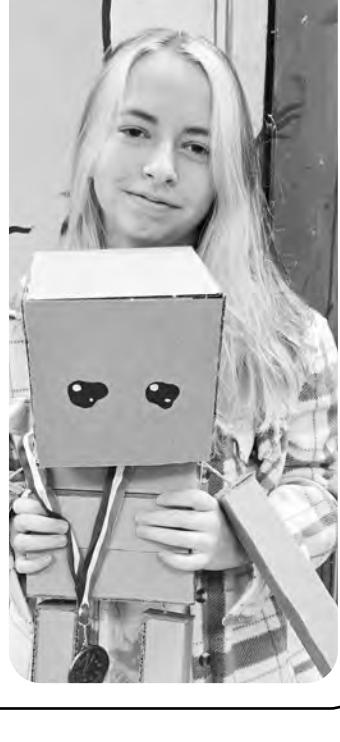


SIGOURNEY ARTS CORNER

By Becky Shaw

Artist of the Month:

Gray Karian is our October Artist of the Month. Gray has been exploring many mediums, including sculpture, painting, and clay. But, you can tell that Gray favors pencil and shading. Gray's ideas come from Pinterest, Fandom, friends, and Gray's mind. The inspiring artists are Mom and online artists. Gray's words of Wisdom are, "Whatever you do, never run back to what broke you". Great artwork, Gray! Proud of you!



Events coming up:

- There is a big event coming up to help out the Myer's family! Come on down to the Hedrick Civic Center on Saturday, October 25th, starting at 11am. The Art Department will be running an art table. There will be food, a costume

contest, and lots of fun!

- Contact rebecca.shaw@sigourneyschools.com for more information! Want to help? We always accept art and craft supplies and monetary donations! This helps our art rooms run amazing!



The Junior High Art Classes are finishing up their 1st Exploratory Hex. Check out their cool cultural masks! Can you recognize any of the kids? Pictured are: Neila Thompson, Cooper Kephart, Jocelyn Green, Zoey Dehne, Casey Miller, Taylor Woods, Claire Jones, Jaxson Thompson, Colten Voyles, & Piper Hewitt.



Kindergarten and E is for Elephants! Look how cute their elephants turned out! The kids created their projects using shapes, an accordion fold, and googly eyes.



Sigourney Artists

Kindergarten – 12th Grade

Elementary Art Room



3rd grade has been working on their still lifes with fruits, veggies, and oil pastels. They are super pleased with their practice drawings so far. Pictured: Brecklyn, Riggs, Ainslee, Rylan, Kysen, Evie, Nashlynn



5th grade boys took a break from Pop Art drawing when they found a pack of stick-on mustaches in the treasure box!!! What a hoot! Pictured are: Trey, Grayson, Riley, Bentley, Lyoto, & Brantley.



6th graders are drawing their cave art stories on walls. We are hoping to make some natural paint using rocks or other materials and a mortar and pestle. Pictured are: Ford, Lexi, Brooklyn, & Brynley.

High School Art Room



Brianna Belvel made some really cool donuts in our clay pop art unit. Bryce Ingle made an amazing Collage, complete with googly eyes! Kia Montgomery & Caylee Corbin sold a lot of their great art projects for the past Craft Expo, check out Kia's "Sally" Pumpkin, and Caylee's adorable hanging heart pumpkins! Awesome work, crew!



Participants attending the Women in Ag Leadership Conference

Upcoming Women in Ag Leadership Conference Inspires Resilience

Early bird registration is available through Nov. 10

By: Madeline Schultz,
Lisa Scarbrough

AMES – The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Women in Ag Leadership Conference is open to all. This year's theme, "Leading with Resilience," reflects the strength, perseverance and innovation of women who are shaping the future of agriculture.

Organized by an advisory committee of past attendees, the two-day event begins on Wednesday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and continues on Thursday, Dec. 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"We have planned an incredible lineup of speakers and workshops. Whether you are a farm producer or work in agriculture, whether you're young or old and whether you've been farming for five years or 50, we have something for everyone," said Lucy Sheriff, advisory committee member.

Attending from Oregon, American Farmland Trust social science director and Women for the Land advisor Gabrielle McNally will open the conference. Her storytelling and shared wisdom aim to encourage women to lead with confidence.

Campus tours of Iowa State University will offer a glimpse into innovative research. Attendees can choose from a variety of topics, including greenhouses, drones, horses, forestry, winemaking, the ISU Creamery, the Ag 450 Farm or Jack Trice Stadium's turfgrass.

Next, the intensive workshop series will feature interactive mentoring, a women managing farmland panel, crisis incident management exercises and strategies for leading with excellence. A message from Brenda Clark Hamilton, founder of Fresh Coffee Professional Growth Programs, will conclude the first day.

On Thursday morning,

keynote speaker Kiley Fleming, founder of outSIGHTin and executive director at Iowa Mediation Services, will deliver an uplifting message to inspire attendees to face challenges with strength and resilience.

The Women in Ag program will also recognize the 2025 Women Impacting Ag honorees: Tamara Deal, Darcy Moulby, Natalie Paino and Loretta Reimers.

The afternoon panel will focus on advances in regenerative agriculture, featuring Keri Carstens, CEO for Jord Bio Science, and Lisa Schulte Moore, ISU Charles F. Curtiss Distinguished Professor in Agriculture and Life Sciences and co-director of the Bioeconomy Institute.

Additionally, Thursday's breakout sessions will offer important insights and discussions on agricultural policy, financial security, team building, career mentoring, estate planning, farm safety, workplace challenges and farming's financial situation.

Capstone speaker Julie Kenney will share a powerful message of leadership and resilience. As CEO of the Agribusiness Association of Iowa and a 2024 Women Impacting Agriculture award recipient, Kenney exemplifies dedication to the industry and a commitment to empowering others.

Registration

Early bird registration is available through Nov. 10. Regular registration is \$160 for adults and \$70 for students. After Nov. 10, fees will increase by \$20. Scholarships may be requested. For more information, view the full event program.

Support from Farm Credit Services of America and other sponsors allows the Women in Ag Leadership Conference to remain accessible for all attendees. Farm businesses and organizations are encouraged to become attendance sponsors by registering four or more participants to join the experience.

Manage Fire Risks During Harvest

Dry conditions raise field fire concerns during Iowa corn harvest

By: Kris Kohl

AMES – Early planting combined with warm spring and fall conditions has led to an earlier-than-usual corn harvest in Iowa. Crops are also drier than normal, creating a greater risk of field fires during harvest.

The primary factor related to field fires is higher air temperature. It dries out crops more quickly and creates conditions favorable for field fires to ignite and spread. Wind speed affects the risk of a field

fire spread by aiding combustion as well as by carrying heat and burning embers to new fields:

Below 15 miles per hour: low risk of spreading

Between 15 and 20 miles per hour: medium risk

Over 25 miles per hour: high risk

"Fires often originate when corn leaves or residue come in contact with a hot surface," said Kris Kohl, field agricultural engineer with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. "Common ignition sources include exhaust systems, overheated bearings and high temperature sources in the engine compartment."

To reduce fire risk, Kohl recommends farmers:

Use a leaf blower or compressed air to regularly remove fine chaff from equipment surfaces.

Keep a fully charged fire extinguisher in the combine cab to contain small fires and consider mounting a larger fire extinguisher at ground level outside the cab for larger blazes.

Be cautious of truck exhausts, which can ignite dry cornstalks.

"Any ignition source in combination with dry plant residue presents a potential hazard," Kohl said.

Once a field fire starts, it

can be difficult and dangerous to contain. Personal safety should always take priority over property. "Know your 911 field (street) address, and always call 911 first to minimize damage," Kohl said. "If it is safe to do so, attack the fire with extinguishers or make a tillage pass on the edge of the field to prevent a fire from spreading."

Kohl also advises farmers to consider avoiding combining on high-wind days and to remain vigilant about keeping equipment clean throughout the harvest season.

For more information, contact Kris Kohl at kkohl@iastate.edu.

Environmental groups appeal federal court decision on EPA reporting requirements

Decision upheld a rule exempting livestock facilities from air pollution reporting

By: Cami Koons |
Iowa Capital Dispatch

Environmental groups are appealing a federal court's decision to uphold a rule exempting livestock and poultry operations from reporting significant releases of air pollutants.

The environmental groups allege the rule is unlawful and that exposure to ammonia and hydrogen sulfide from these operations is responsible for more deaths annually than exposure to air pollution from coal plants.

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association, which intervened in the case, celebrated the court ruling in its favor and said the rules were "onerous and unnecessary" by requiring producers to file "complex, overreaching reports."

In August, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia denied the environmental groups' request for summary judgment and instead granted judgment on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Cattlemen.

EPCRA and CERCLA

Two laws are at play in the case. The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, or EPCRA, and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, or CERCLA, which require certain entities to notify EPA and local officials of a "potentially dangerous" release of a hazardous substance, according to EPA.

EPA has attempted to change the rule, as it relates to animal waste at farms, in the past, according to the court's filed memorandum of opinion. Then in 2018, Congress passed a law that exempted air emissions from animal waste on farms from CERCLA reporting requirements.

In 2019, EPA filed a final rule to exempt animal waste

emissions from EPCRA requirements in order to match the regulations to the recently changed CERCLA rules.

Plaintiffs in the case

Environmental groups in the case include Rural Empowerment Association for Community Help, Animal Legal Defense Fund, Center for Food Safety, Don't Waste Arizona, Environmental Integrity Project, Food & Water Watch, Humane Society of the United States, Sierra Club, Sound Rivers, Waterkeeper Alliance and Center for Biological Diversity.

The environmental groups alleged EPA relied "unlawfully" on the congressional changes to CERCLA as justification for changing the rules in EPCRA that let "the industrial animal industry off the hook."

The opinion from U.S. District Court Judge Timothy Kelly said the EPA rule was "consistent with the best reading" of EPCRA regulations and provides an explanation for exempting animal waste air emissions.

Kelly wrote that to remain consistent with statutory text, EPA had "no leeway to consider the public's right to access information" and "no discretion to consider environmental effects" when issuing the 2019 rule.

Environmental groups say reporting requirements protect communities

In a joint news release about the court's opinion, National Cattlemen's Beef Association said EPCRA and CERCLA

posure to these extremely hazardous substances."

A recent peer-reviewed study from the University of Michigan found that communities with the highest concentrations of animal feeding operations, like cattle feedlots, dairy farms and hog farms, have elevated levels of harmful fine particulate matter.

According to the study, fine particulate matter was 28% higher in census tracts with high concentrations of cattle feeding operations and 11% higher in census tracts with hog farms.

The environmental groups' news release said the ammonia and hydrogen sulfide released by "factory farms" can cause health problems like respiratory diseases, eye and nasal irritation, nausea and death.

Kelly Hunter Foster, senior attorney at Waterkeeper Alliance, said people have a "right to know" when hazardous air pollution is released near their homes, schools or work.

"EPA has a responsibility under EPCRA to ensure that information is disclosed to the public," Hunter Foster said in the release. "Its mandate is to protect human health and the environment, not to create loopholes that allow polluters to hide the truth and put communities and ecosystems at risk."

In a news release about the court's opinion, National Cattlemen's Beef Association said EPCRA and CERCLA

regulations were intended to address "massive, severe" environmental contaminants and chemical spills. Instead, the association said, the laws were "weaponized" by animal rights groups targeting "family farms and ranchers."

Kaitlyn Glover, the association's executive director of natural resources, said the environmental laws should not "govern" cattle farmers.

"This decision affirms that family cattle producers should not have to file reports for a natural, biological process under a law meant for significant chemical contaminants," Glover said in the release.

"NCBA stepped up to protect family farms and ranches through this litigation and we are pleased that the federal district court has brought clarity to this decades-long discussion."

Tarah Heinzen, the legal director for the involved environmental group Food & Water Watch, said the Trump Administration's "see no evil approach will not stand in court."

"Trump's EPA is suppressing critical pollution data required to keep frontline communities safe and hold polluters accountable," Heinzen said in the release. "Factory farms emit dangerous amounts of hazardous chemicals — willful ignorance of the data will not change the truth."

The appeal from environmental groups was filed Oct. 3.



Cattle in a feedlot. (Photo by Preston Keres/ USDA/FPAC)

Is Your Well Still a Reliable Place for Clean Water?

Raising awareness of importance of protecting Iowa's drinking water

—Kriss Nelson,
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Clean, safe drinking water

is the foundation of healthy families and thriving communities. Public water supplies are closely regulated and tested, but thousands of Iowans depend on private wells for their daily drinking water.

Unlike public systems, private wells aren't routinely monitored, placing the responsibility of safeguarding water quality on the well owner. Without consistent testing and proper upkeep, wells can become susceptible to contamination, putting households at risk.

The Iowa Source Water Protection Program, the Iowa Source Water Ag Collaborative and the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services are raising awareness of the importance of protecting Iowa's drinking water and the resources available to private well owners. This week, known as Source Wa-

ter Protection week, collaborators want to ensure Iowans are aware of the Private Well Grants program.

About the Private Wells Grants program

The Private Well Grants Program was established to alleviate the financial burden of maintaining and protecting private wells. The program funds assist well owners with the cost of testing their water for bacteria, nitrate and other potential contaminants. It also offers support for repairing or reconstructing wells that are no longer in good condition, helping ensure that they remain a safe and reliable source of water. Additionally, the program offers support for closing abandoned or unused wells. These wells, if left open, can act as direct channels for pollutants to enter groundwater, threatening individual households and other communities that may be using that aquifer.

Water stewardship

Supporting good water stewardship helps ensure that today's families and future generations have access to safe drinking water.

The Iowa Soybean As-

sociation's (ISA) Research Center for Farming Innovation (RCFI) works to protect source water by supporting conservation practices that improve water quality. All water is source water for someone or something, whether it's a private well or a downstream community. Edge-of-field conservation practices, such as bioreactors, wetlands and oxbows, provide benefits for all water users.

The Iowa Soybean Association encourages farmers and rural residents to test their private wells regularly and take steps to protect source water," says Tony Seeman, ISA water lab service manager. "Whether it's for drinking water or for livestock, water quality is always important."

ISA's water monitoring program

Routine water monitoring can provide the evidence a farmer needs to adjust management practices accordingly to reduce the amounts of nitrogen and other nutrients lost, whether through tile drainage to a stream or through groundwater.

RCFI's conservation programming involves moni-

toring farmers' water quality, analyzing water quality results and providing feedback annually.

ISA's water monitoring team regularly collects samples from tile outlets, intakes and streams. Farmers receive updated reports throughout the growing season and a comprehensive analysis at the end of the growing year.

Samples are tested in-house at ISA's accredited lab. The lab is certified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to analyze E. Coli bacteria, nitrates and fluoride under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Private well owners who want to learn more about the Private Well Grants Program can learn more at the following link or by contacting their county sanitarian.

Additional information about source water protection in Iowa and the Iowa Source Water Ag Collaborative can be found at <https://www.iowasourcewater.org>.

To learn more about ISA's water lab, contact Seeman at aseeman@iasoybeans.com.

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